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Dedication

We wish to dedicate this book to the founding fathers and to all faithful and dedicated members who have served our Lord in the past and present and who will serve in the future through the fellowship of Sugarfork Baptist Church.

Introduction

We hope this book will be enjoyed and shared by many as we look back on the past one hundred and fifty years of the history of Sugarfork Baptist Church, known as Sugar Fork Baptist Church of Jesus Christ in the first years of organization.

Most of our members today will read about some of their ancestors who labored with love in the construction of the buildings and their dedication to God in their worship.

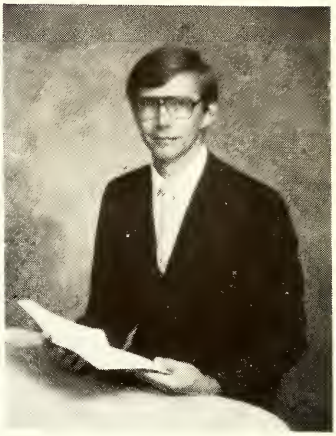
As a result, the church is currently experiencing sustained growth in sound doctrine, strong fellowship and financial security.

We hope no one will take offense at any omissions, any inaccuracy is surely not intentional.

We have compiled and written from the church and associational minutes, research of county records and other sources too numerous to mention.

Our Pastor's Message

The dictionary defines history as an account of what has happened in the life of a people, country, or institution. I would like to dwell on the thought of "LIFE".



The Bible says in Proverbs 8:32, **"For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the Lord."** Jesus fulfilled that scripture in John 5:24, **"Verily, verily I say unto you, he that heareth my word, and believeth on him that sent me, hath everlasting life".** Upon Peter's confession of faith in Christ, Jesus said in Matthew 16:18, **"Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."**

In August of 1836 a group of people who professed that same faith as Peter, chartered the church now known as the Sugarfork Baptist Church. One hundred and fifty years have passed and the same faith that constructed it, continues yet, and will constrain it until Christ raptures it from the world.

Though the numbers of brick in the building, or the people in the pews may change, the humbleness in the heart determines the future of the faithful. May Sugarfork Baptist Church never leave its first love as did the church of Revelation 2:4.

As you turn the pages of this history let us reverence our past heritage, rejoice in our present happenings, and reach with a vision for our future hope.

On behalf and in memory of those Pastors past and present, I thank God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ for the privilage of serving among the people of Sugarfork Baptist Church.

Yours in Christ's Service

Steve Reeves

Pastor

Our Former Pastors and years served in the ministry of our church.

James Kimsey 1836 - 1840

Rev. James Kimsey, son of Thomas and Nancy McClure Kimsey, was born in Haywood County December 23, 1803.

He joined the Baptist Church in Franklin, N.C., and was baptised in the Tennessee River by Rev. Humphrey Posey on September 6, 1830. Commenced preaching shortly after as a licentiate in that church and was ordained afterwards by elders Humphrey Posey, J. Hall, G.F. Caler and B. Stiles. He continued preaching for nearly forty years. He traveled and preached much as a missionary, and all the while having the pastoral care of one or more churches. His pews were never empty. He continued his preaching during the war between the states.

Rev. Kimsey died Thursday, April 12, 1870 at the age of 66. He was buried at the Hayesville, N.C. Baptist cemetary. Rev. James and Sarah Kimsey were the maternal grandparents of Dr. George W. Truett.

In appreciation to Lawrence Wood and Jerry Taylor for this information.

Joshua Ammons, 1840

Thomas Henson, 1841
William E. Mull, 1842
James Kimsey, 1843

Joshua Kimsey, 1845-1869
T.L. Buchanan, 1870
L.B. Vinson, 1871

W.E. Conner, 1872-1873

J.S. Woodard, 1874-1877
S.H. Harrington, 1885-1887
T.M. Morgan, 1887-1890
J.S. Woodard, 1891
J.G. Ammons, 1892
J.R. Pendergrass, 1893-1897
A.H. Sims, 1898

W.L Bradley, 1899-1900

W.R. Rickman, 1900
J.B. Briggs, 1901-1903
J.R. Pendergrass, 1903-1905
J.W. Kesterson, 1905

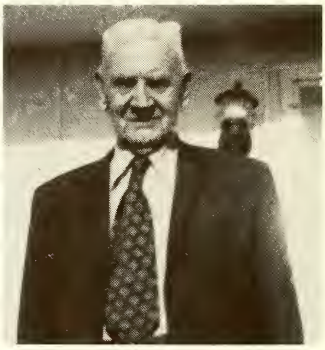
J.A. Brendle, 1906

Born April 12, 1867 in Macon County. Married Nancy Rebecca Ray in 1896. Attended Wake Forest College for 3½ years. A long illness prevented him from finishing his senior year. He had pastorial churches throughout Macon County prior to his years at Wake Forest. He spent nine years in evangelistic work. In 1914 he began his ministry again in N.C. completing over 60 years of ministry. He died November 14, 1958 at the age of 91. He is buried at the Watauga Baptist Church cemetery.

W.L. Griggs, 1906-1908
S.L. Laudermilk, 1908
L.C. King, 1909
J.L. Kinsland, 1910
R.P. McCracken, 1911-1912
T.L. Vinson, 1912-1916
John Baty, 1924-1927

Lived in Highlands and spent a lot of time while ministering the church, at the home of Joab Crisp.

A.S. Solesbee, 1927-1935

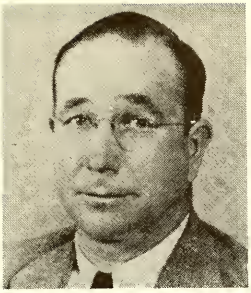


T.J. Vinson, 1935-1938

Rev. Vinson had fought against the call to preach for some years. After visiting his sister he was very sick. The doctor diagnosed his illness as typhoid fever and during this time he promised God he would accept his call to preach if He would spare his life. He was ordained before he was able to get out and serve. He faithfully served until his death on January 7, 1978. He is buried at Newman's Chapel cemetary.

In appreciation to Mrs. Myrtle Vinson, his daughter, for this information and picture.

R.F. Mayberry, 1938-1941



George Davis, 1941-1942

R.W. Williams, 1942-1945

W.L. Sorrells, 1945-1950

Doyle Burgess, 1950
Clarence Taylor, 1951-1954

Jarvis Underwood, 1954-1961

Rev. Underwood shown here with a V.B.S. group consisting of Virginia Moses, Geraldine McDowell, June McDowell, Wilma Jean Crisp, Louise Moses, Patsy Ashe and Dorothy Pennington.

Rev. Underwood was very interested in the youth. He was a kind and compassionate servant.

Clarence Farmer, 1961

J.S. Cunningham, 1962-1968

Under Rev. Cunningham's ministry the sanctuary was refloored, bathroom installed, stained glass windows and new doors installed in memory of loved ones by individual families. Those families being: Crisp, Teem, Tyler, Clark, Higdon and McDowell.

Rev. Cunningham loaned the church funds necessary to do this remodeling. Rev. Cunningham died October 20, 1980 at the age of 54 years.

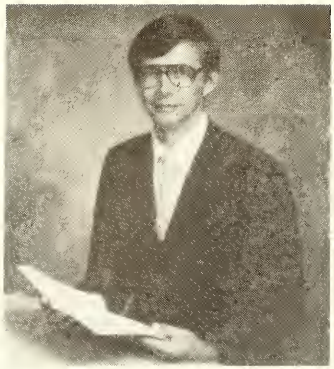
Many members were added to the church through his ministry.

James Crayton, 1968-1977

Rev. Crayton came to Sugarfork Baptist Church shortly after he began his ministry. The church family grew in number and spiritual growth. Much work was done on the building during the time he served our church.

Harold Horn (interim), 1977
Grey Fisher, 1977-1979

During Rev. Fisher's ministry, nineteen souls were added to the church. A fund was started for the pastorium and work began in August of 1978 with Brother Grey helping with a lot of the labor.



Steve Reeves, 1980-

Brother Steve Reeves became our pastor on January, 13, 1980. Started a radio ministry, Thanksgiving services with neighboring churches, sharing food for the needy, has been a volunteer foreign missionary, very active with the youth of the community, a tape ministry for shut-ins, served as associational moderator, chairman of missions committee and other offices which include: civic services, home health board, family violence (RESPECT) and he is a member of the Macon Christian Ministerial Association. As of December, 1985 there has been 53 baptized.

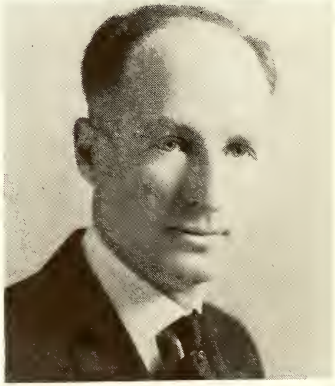
Grey Fisher

These are the ones who were ordained into the ministry of our Lord in His service from our membership. Some have gone on to be with Jesus while others are faithfully serving in our association.

Rev. William E. Mull
Rev. Floyd Womack
Rev. J.S. Cunningham
Rev. Phil Frady (just licensed)

Rev. Darryl Womack

Darryl is now Pastor at Mashburn Branch Baptist Church.



Rev. Joe Bryson

Rev. Neville Owens

I wish to express my appreciation to all the people that makes up Sugarfork Baptist Church for the fellowship and christian love shown to me and my family. You mean so much to us and will always be a part of our lives. May God Bless each one in their continued service for the Lord.

Neville E. Owens

Deacons

Harold Crisp, Bobby Bolick, Clinton Ledford and Jackie West.

Ernest Dendy has been set aside for deaconship ordination, Sunday night March 16, 1986.

Deacons

I have attended Sugarfork Baptist Church from my youth and accepted Christ as my personal Savior at age 14, baptized in the Cullasaja River. In 1974, was elected and ordained as a Deacon. I thank God for allowing me to be part of Sugarfork Church.

Harold Crisp

I joined Sugarfork Baptist Church as a teen-ager and the church taught me in the way the Lord intended me to go. This is a caring church and interested in the needs of the people and furthering the cause of Christ. My family and I enjoy the worship and fellowship. I have grown spiritually since being here.

Bobby Bolick

I was saved at age 14, baptized by Rev. Denny in the creek near Oakdale Baptist Church. Ordained a Deacon on July 12, 1964 at Ridgecrest Baptist Church. Moved to Sugarfork in 1969 and served in many capacities, deacon, choir member, Sunday School teacher, Adult Training Union leader, trustee of cemetery and other areas where needed.

Clinton Ledford

I was saved at an early age and strive to serve the Lord and do His Will — Sugarfork Church means a lot to me and has helped in my Christian growth. I've held positions in the Sunday School and Training union. Ordained as Deacon March 16, 1986, with Brother Alton Dendy bringing the charge to the church message.

Ernest Dendy

"Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that built it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain." Psalm 127:1.

We are taught to have a continual regard to the divine Providence in all concerns of this life. Soloman was crying up to God to be a wise man, and apt to lean to his own understanding, therefore our Father teaches us to look higher, and take God along with us in all our undertakings.

Jackie West

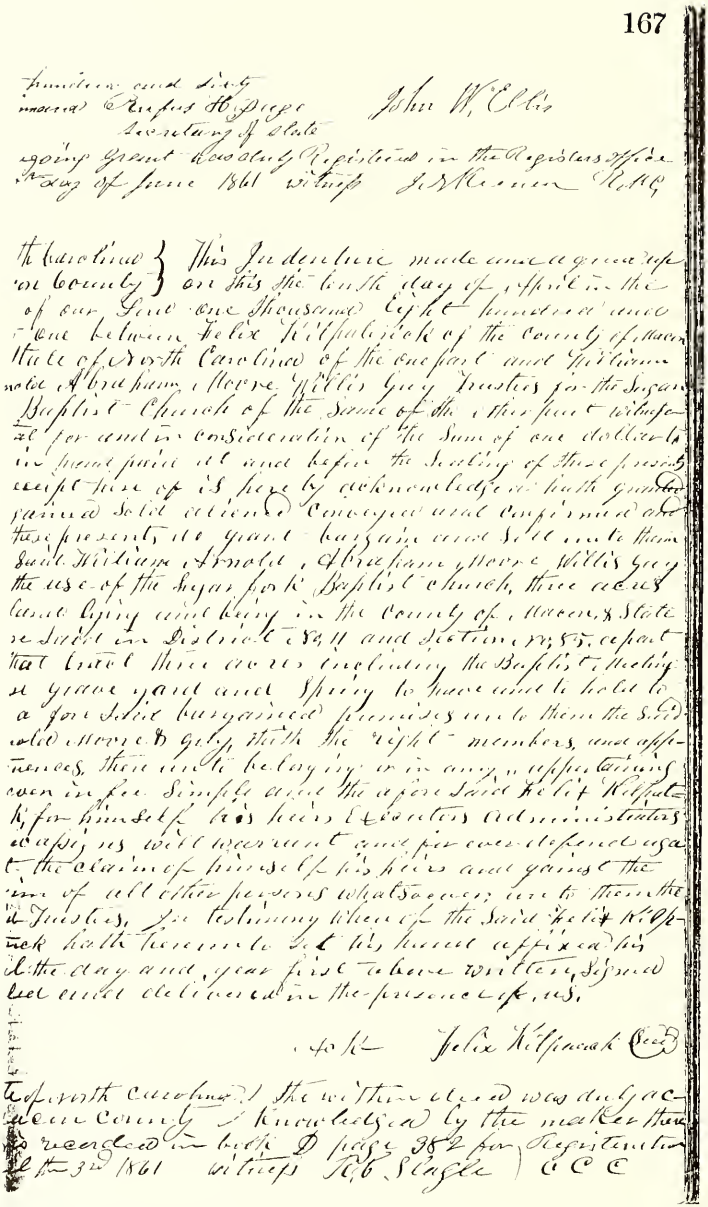
Church Properties

According to deeds reviewed, Felix Kilpatrick purchased land from William E. Mull who had been granted acreage from the state land grant number 223 in book D at the Macon County Courthouse.

Mr. Felix Kilpatrick

Mr. Kilpatrick gave the first property for Sugar Fork Church and cemetary.

Deeds



This is a photostatic copy of the deed made from Kilpatrick to the church. Following page is a more legible copy.

Deed

North Carolina
Macon County

Book J. Page 167

This indenture made and agreed up on this the tenth day of April in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty One between Felix Kilpatrick of the county of Macon, State of North Carolina of the one part and William Arnold, Abraham Moore, Willis Guy, Trustees for the SugarFork Baptist Church of the same of the other part witnesseth that for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to be in hand paid at and before the sealing of these presents receipt hereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted, bargained, sold, aliened, conveyed and confirmed and the presents do grant, bargain and sell unto them the said William Arnold, Abraham Moore, Willis Guy for the use of the SugarFork Baptist Church, three acres of land lying and being in the county of Macon and State afore said and district number 11 and section number 85, a part of that track three acres including the Baptist meeting house, graveyard and spring to have and to hold to the afore said bargained premises unto them the said Arnold, Moore and Guy with the right of members and appentures there unto belonging or in any way appertaining forever in fee simple and the afore said Felix Kilpatrick for himself, his heirs, executors, administrators and asigns will warrant and forever defend against the claim of himself, his heirs and asigns the claim of all other persons whatsoever unto them the said trustees. In testimony whereof the said Felis Kilpatrick hath here unto set his hand affixed his seal the day and year first above written, signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of us.

Ack - Felis Kilpatrick (Seal)

State of North Carolina
Macon County

The written deed was duly acknowledged by the maker there of and is recorded in book D, page 382 for registration April 3, 1861.

Witness R.C. Slagle, C.C.C.

Therefore going deed was duly registered in my office the 10th day of June, 1861.

Witness J.V. Keener, R.M.C.

Others named here have sold or given land to the church.

J.M. Stewman and Elizabeth Ann — sold land to the church. Photostatic copy of deed following.

George and Zittie Crisp, Frank and Cora McDowell,
Homer and Jo Ann Stewman

Gave land for the building of a church parsonage. Due to financial stress the church was unable to build, therefore the land fell back to the original owners. Book J-5, Pages 95 and 98, 1943 - Macon County.

L.M. and Floy Stewman

Gave .7 acre for a road right-of-way. Book Z-5, Page 356, 1951 - Macon County.

Fred and Esther Crisp
T.B. and Mary Lee Moses

Gave the church water rights. Book T-6, Page 264, 1960 - Macon County.

Alfred R. and Annie Teem

Sold to the church 3 acres. Book M-7, Page 255, 1966 - Macon County.

Conrad Henry

Gave a tract of land to the church adjoining the cemetary. Book N-10, Page 133, 1975 - Macon County.

Photostatic copies of deeds:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—Macon County

THIS DEED, Made this 16 day of March, 191 7 by J. M. Stewman & E. A. Stewman of Cashiers County and State of North Carolina, of the first part, to The Trustees of Sugarfork Baptist Church of Macon County and State of North Carolina, of the second part:

WITNESSETH, That said parties of the first part

in consideration of Liberty Love Dollars

the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, ha ve bargained and sold, and by these presents do bargain, sell, and convey to said parties of the second part and their successors heirs and assigns, a certain tract or parcel of land in Macon County, State of North Carolina, adjoining the lands of Geo. Clapp, and others, bounded as follows, viz.:

Beginning on a white oak, E. M. Gaines Corner, runs N 5 W. 40 poles to a white oak, then N 86 E. 22 poles to a Stake, N. 7 E. 33 poles to State in hickory Stump old Church Corner, passing black oak Corner of Church tract At 16 poles. then N 42 W. 25½ poles to a Maple and Rock, Then S 6-9 W. 8 poles to a black Gum, Then S. 70 W. 10 poles to a black gum on upper Bank of Road. Then N 46 W. 11 poles With road to a Stake on lower bank of road, Then N. 50 E. 22½ poles to the beginning, Containing 8 acres More or less excluding Nearly all of the old Church tract

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the aforesaid tract or parcel of land and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, to the said parties of the second part and their successors to their only use and behoof forever.

And the said parties of the first part covenant with said parties of the second part, their successors and assigns, that they are seized of said premises in fee and ha ve right to convey the same in fee simple; that the same are free and clear from all encumbrances, and that they will warrant and defend the said title to the same against the claims of all persons whomsoever.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, the said parties of the first part have hereunto set their hands and seal s the day and year above written.

J. M. Stewman (Seal)

Attest: O. M. Crawford E. A. Stewman (Seal)

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, Macon County.

I, J. P. Moore J.P., hereby certify that J. M. Stewman and E. A. Stewman his wife, appeared before me this day and acknowledged the due execution of the annexed deed of conveyance; and the said E. A. Stewman being by me privily examined, separate and apart from her husband, touching her voluntary execution of the same, doth state that she signed the same freely and voluntarily, without fear or compulsion of her said husband or any other person, and that she doth still voluntarily assent thereto. Let the same, with this certificate, be registered

Witness my hand and official seal, this 16 day of March, 191 7

My commission expires , 191 J. P. Moore, Justice of the Peace

NORTH CAROLINA, County.

The execution of the foregoing instrument was this day acknowledged before me by , the grantor, for the purpose therein expressed. Let the same, with the certificate, be registered.

This day of , 191

NORTH CAROLINA, County.

The execution of the foregoing instrument was this day proven before me by the oath and examination of , the subscribing witness thereto. Let the same, with this certificate, be registered.

This day of , 191

NORTH CAROLINA—Macon County.

The foregoing certificate of J. P. Moore J. P. of Macon County, is adjudged to be correct. Let the instrument, with the certificates, be registered.

Witness my hand and official seal, this 6 day of Apr. 191 7

R. M. Sedberry Clerk Superior Court.

Filed for registration on the 6 day of Apr. 191 7 at 2 o'clock P. M. and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Macon County, N. C., this 18 day of April 191 7 at 2 o'clock P. M. in Book 2 of Deeds, on page 10, etc.

Register of Deeds

+ + Church Covenant + +

Having been led, as we believe by the Spirit of God, to receive the Lord Jesus Christ as our Saviour and, on the profession of our faith, having been baptized in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, we do now, in the presence of God, and this assembly, most solemnly and joyfully enter into covenant with one another as one body in Christ.

We engage, therefore, by the aid of the Holy Spirit to walk together in Christian love; to strive for the advancement of this church, in knowledge, holiness, and comfort; to promote its prosperity and spirituality; to sustain its worship, ordinances, discipline, and doctrines; to contribute cheerfully and regularly to the support of the ministry, the expenses of the church, the relief of the poor, and the spread of the gospel through all nations.

We also engage to maintain family and secret devotions; to religiously educate our children; to seek the salvation of our kindred and acquaintances; to walk circumspectly in the world; to be just in our dealings, faithful in our engagements, and exemplary in our deportment; to avoid all tattling, backbiting, and excessive anger; to abstain from the sale of, and use of, intoxicating drinks as a beverage; to be zealous in our efforts to advance the kingdom of our Saviour.

We further engage to watch over one another in brotherly love; to remember one another in prayer; to aid one another in sickness and distress; to cultivate Christian sympathy in feeling and Christian courtesy in speech; to be slow to take offense, but always ready for reconciliation and mindful of the rules of our Saviour to secure it without delay.

We moreover engage that when we remove from this place we will, as soon as possible, unite with some other church where we can carry out the spirit of this covenant and the principles of God's Word.

Introduction to Minutes

The writings of the old minutes are as written by the church clerks of that day. As you read these minutes you can see the advancement and growth of the church and programs we have participated in, down through the past one hundred fifty years.

In the earlier years Sugar Fork Church members were excluded from the fellowship for the following reasons: missing three services without a good reason, heresy, drunkedness, fornification, profanity, disorderly conduct, assault and card playing.

The first minute pertains to the organization of the church in their first conference meeting.

. . . So, following are excerpts from all the old and new minutes which we hope you will enjoy.

These are the six church minute books.

This is the first minutes recorded by the church 1836, August 13, a Saturday, State of North Carolina, Macon County.

> The Sugar Fork Church of Jesus Christ was constituted on the day and date above. Named and constituted by brother Adam Corn, B. Styles and James Kimsey as Presberty.
>
> The abilities being found William Bryson and William Arnold ordained as Deacons. William Bryson, William C. Mull and William Arnold, brethern chosen by the church as delegates.
>
> Brother William Bryson nominated as Treasurer for the Sugar Fork Church. $2.00 for minutes. Brother Hiram Ledford was appointed as clerk. A door was opened for the acceptance of members and received by experience was Polly Peek, Matilda May, Rinva Hagen, Dica Hagen and Rachel Hall by letter.

The First Members Were:

William Bryson (deacon)
William Mull (deacon)
George Lowdermilk
James Bryson
Zachariah Peek
Jess Kerby
Ephriam R. Davis (deacon)
William Arnold
James D. Franks
William W. Lowdermilk
Hiram Ledford (1st clerk)
Phillip Kerby
Issac Moore
Thomas Ammons
John Lowdermilk
James Hollan
Calib Halkem
William Franks
David Peek
Abraham Moore
Caleb Halcombe
Willis Gie
William Williams
Elizabeth Knight
Mary Percy (a black sister)
Catherine Franks
Phoebe Holland
Mary Moore
Rachel Bryson
Lyda Moore
Caroline Cook
Sarah Bryson
Rachel Cook
Elizabeth Passmore
Elizabeth Cook
Nancy Cook
Minerva Peek
Lucinda Arnold
Nancy Arnold
Margaret Lowdermilk
Loucinda Mofs
Nancy Hagen
Matilda Mofs
Mary Peek
Naomi Kerby
Margaret Bryson
Frances Hagen
Elizabeth Arrowood
Rachel Hall
Cynthia Mull
Mary Ledford
Rinva Hagen
Dicia Hagen
Susannah Ballard
Elizabeth Ammons
Jinsa Davis
Sarah Lowdermilk
Rachel Kerby
Sarah Peek
Rebecca Bryson
Elizabeth Mull
Elizabeth Bryson

James Kimsey was the first pastor from 1836 until 1840.

The only two deacons from 1836-1845 were William Bryson and William Arnold.

Services were held on Saturday and Sunday.

The church was first called "Sugar Fork Church of Jesus Christ".

Hiram Ledford was the first clerk.

On the Sabbath of August 27, 1837

The United Baptist Church of Sugar Fork met and a door was opened for the acceptance of members. Received by letter was David Peek and received by experience was Mary Perry, a black woman. She was baptized that same day.

Hiram Ledford, Clerk

Saturday, June 23, 1838

The United Baptist Church of Christ at Sugar Fork met after worship to look into the affairs of the house. It was moved and second that if any member of our body shall miss attending two church meetings they shall give their reason for missing at the third church meeting. If missing the third meeting one shall be sent for and must then and there give the church a satisfactory reason or be dealt with as a transgressor.

Hiram Ledford, Clerk

As of August 1838

There were 51 members.

Saturday, April 27, 1839

The United Baptist Church of Christ at Sugar Fork in session. Fellowship being found moved by one of the congregtion to visit Brother William C. Mull. Jim and Abner Moore being appointed by this church commission for rebuilding the meeting house at Sugar Fork. That the church give him or them authority to collect the subscription money which the church granted.

Hiram Ledford, Clerk

July 26, 1839

Petition is presented by Brethren from Brush Creek Church. Dehart and Thomasson for ordination of W.E. Mull by church into the ministry, moved that brother be ordained. No. 2 Moved that brother be retained awhile longer as licenuate.

July 27, 1839

United Baptist Church of Christ met after three sermons, was delivered with the appearance of good effect. A door was opened for reception of members. None came forward, dismissed in order.

On February 23, 1840

Joshua Ammons was elected pastor.

August 18, 1840

State of the Sugar Fork Church:

Received by experience and baptism	4
Received by experience and letter	1
Dismissed by letter	1
Excluded	0
Died	0
Members	41
Total	47

September 19, 1840

Brother Adams Moderator. The Baptist Church at Sugar Fork met. Church now in session. John Lowdermilk and Caleb Holcombe having had a quarrel, made peace with each other by acknowledgement to the church. The church forgave her part. A door opened for reception of members.

Hiram Ledford, Clerk

May 29, 1841

The Baptist Church of Sugar Fork unanimously voted for Thomas Henson to be supply pastor for one year. (Hiram Ledford, church clerk, wrote him a letter to see if he would accept.) In the year 1841 the association was held with the church at Sugar Fork, commencing on Friday the 27th of August, 1841.

As of August 1841

Membership was 38.

Sabbath of October 24, 1841

Brother Kimsey, administrator. Sugar Fork Church met and after worship retired to the river where Cynthia Fulton was baptized.

Hiram Ledford, Clerk

Saturday, January 22, 1842

Brother Mull, moderator. The Baptist Church of Sugar Fork now in session. Brother Willis Guye asked the church the consequence of communing with other denominations. Moved, the church answers Brother Guye's request. The majority says we will not admit one of our members to commune with other denominations and hold them in fellowship with us.

Hiram Ledford, Clerk

May 21, 1842

The Church at Sugar Fork in session. The church moved to take into consideration the duty of footwashing until next meeting.

August, 1842

State of the Church:

Ordained	0
Licensed	1
Deacons	2
Sacrament	1
Dead	0
Restored	0
Excluded	2
Dismissed	5
Received by letter	1
Baptized	1
Total Members	30

January 1, 1844

Membership was 30

1843 - 1844

James Kimzie, Supply Pastor for year of 1843 and elected pastor for one year on March 31, 1844.

January 1, 1845

Membership was 40

March 22, 1845

Brother Arnold presented a subscription with several assigners for the enclosure of the graveyard which on motion was received by the church and Brother Abraham Moore, Willis Guye and William Arnold be appointed to oversee the work.

William Arnold, Clerk

Saturday, July 18, 1846

A public collection was taken up for the home mission cause. Contribution was $1.65.

Saturday Evening, July 18, 1846

A meeting held at sister Sarah Peeks a door was opened for the reception of members. Received Louisa Peek by experience. On the Sabbath we had a very interesting meeting, a door was opened and received by experience four to wit, Allis Vaughn, Mary Jennings, Catherine Love, Elbert Lone. On the evening of the same a door was opened and received by experience, Eliza Williams, John Ledford's negro man Jackson.

January 1, 1847

Membership was 44

Saturday, March 17, 1847

On motion we consider the propriety of having two more deacons in our church until the next meeting and appoint them at that time. The choice was: John Kirby and Willis Guye.

January 1, 1848

Membership was 31

Saturday, April 16, 1848

The Sugar Fork Church of Christ at Sugar Fork in conference. On motion agreed that we comply with the ordinance of footwashing at our next meeting. On motion it was agreed that we employ a good hand to work a month for Brother Ammons and that he begin on Monday. Also voted to set aside Friday before the third Sabbath in May as a day for prayer and fasting.

May 2, 1848

Sarah Peek died. She was one of the first members of the church.

Saturday, July 15, 1848

On motion we voted to become a member of the Western Convention. Delegates appointed to the association were Brethern John Kerby, Abraham Moore and Willis Guye. William Arnold was chosen to take one dollar to defray the expence of printing the minutes.

Brother Ammons, moderator

September 27, 1848

Church in conference. Three delegates were appointed to sit with the Franklin Church to designate a place for a campground. Those appointed were, Abraham Moore, John Kerby and Willis Guye.

January 1, 1849

Membership was 26 now in fellowship.

David Peek died 26 April, 1849 at 72 years 20 days old. Zachariah Peek died 14 January, 1845. Two of the first members.

January 1, 1850

Membership was 25

January 1, 1851

Membership was 35

August 9, 1851

There was a collection taken for Brother Joshua Ammons in the amount of $3.00.

January 1, 1852

Membership was 37

Friday, May 14, 1852

Sugarfork Church in session. A collection was taken for the use of Brother Ammons. The collection being $1.50.

Peter, a black boy belonging to Thomas Angel, was received by letter.

Saturday, May 15, 1852

Brother Ammons delivered the message.

Sabbath - May 16, 1852

Brother Ammons administered the Lords Supper. A door was opened for reception of members. Peter was accepted.

January 1, 1853
Now in fellowship are 49 members.

Saturday, March 18, 1853
SugarFork Church in session. Brother Will, a black man, expresses his feelings concerning the crime of theft. The church forgave him. (Brother Will, a slave, was owned by J.R. Siler.)

Saturday, May 14, 1853
The Church of Christ at SugarFork in conference. On motion we send aid to the Savannah Church by request to settle a difficulty.
Brother Ammons, moderator

August 30, 1853
A protracted meeting held with the church at SugarFork by Brother Owens and Fiendly, from South Carolina who preached Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, a door was opened for reception of members. Received were Thadias Wilson, John Fulton, Mary Wilson, on Saturday received Mary Peek, Sophia Wilson, Martha Wilson, Emaline Waldroop by experience. Saturday night received were James Gie by experience. On the Sabbath brother Fiendly opened the services of the day followed by brother Owens after which a public collection was taken up for the use of the two brethern that has been laboring with us amounting to $6.00. Refained to the waters and those candidates were baptised.

October 25, 1853
A protacted meeting held at SugarFork by brethern Lewis Fiendly, John Owens & William Reed lasting eight days with apparent good affects in which time then was added to the church Levi Knight, William Peek, Cathaline Peek, Margaret Right, Catherine Wilson, Isabelle Wilson, Mary Ann Berry, Issac Peek, Emyline Waldroop, Henry Right, Elvina Right, Mary Williams, James Peek, Juda Peek, Sarah Ammons, Staca Williams. On the Sabbath baptism administered by Brother Owens.

January 1, 1854
Membership was 76.

Saturday, April 15, 1854
A brother was excluded from the fellowship of the church for intoxication. The case of dram drinking considered upon by the church thinks it is not expedient for members to use spirits only in the way of medicine.

Saturday, April 25, 1854
Brethern Samuel Gibson and William Reed labored in word and doctorine with apparent good effect.

January 1, 1855
Membership was 75.

January 1, 1856
Membership was 62 now in fellowship.

January 1, 1857
Membership was 77.

January 17, 1857
Church in conference. Brother Peter, a black man and slave, requested a letter of dismission. Request granted.

January 1, 1858
Membership was 75.

December 17, 1858
During conference a superscription was drawn up to present to the public for repairing the meeting house.

January 1, 1859
Now in fellowship was 74.

Saturday, May 14, 1859
The Baptist Church of Christ at Sugarfork now in conference. The Sacrament disappointed for lack of wine. Our next meeting a sacrament if we can get the wine.
Brother Ammons, moderator

January 1, 1860
Membership was 69.

March 17, 1860
The Baptist Church of Christ at SugarFork now in conference. First on motion we appoint commissionary consisting of three to it. William Arnold, William M. Peak, William Higdon for to superintend the building of a new church at

Sugarfork. (This must have been the second church).

Brother M. Rickman, moderator

Saturday, April 14, 1860

In conference, the church authorizes those commissioners to sell out the work and the church pays for the building of the house.

April 14, 1860

W.H. Higdon joined the church by letter. He was a member for forty-three years and a deacon for thirty-seven years. He died in 1903 at the age of 86.

From 1860 until 1885 the SugarFork Baptist Church minutes are missing.

June 20, 1885

SugarFork Church of Christ at SugarFork in session. By motion the deacons are requested to take a collection during the next month for the completion of our church house. (We believe this was to complete the second structure. Information would have been in the minutes that are missing.) A request was made by Mountain Grove Church that SugarFork send them a committee of three to help them settle a difficulty. Joseph Higdon, Moody Bolick and the clerk, T.R. Arnold were the brethern appointed. The church agrees to raise during the coming year Eight Dollars for the county home, foreign missions and ministerial education.

S.H. Harrington, moderator
T.R. Arnold, clerk

May 28, 1885

Our brother missionary E. Allison has labored with our pastor fourteen days and resulted in sixteen additions by baptism whose names are as follows: Burr Allen, William Potts, Henry Moore, Philip Gibson, Millard Gibson, Aerolon Guy, Anner Guy, Ellen Moore, Jinnie Bryson, Sarah Teem, Mary Teem, Rebecca Teem, Jane Higdon and Lelia Deal.

July 24, 1885

Received at a protracted meeting held on Ellijay and conducted by elders, J.R. and P.G. Ammons. By baptism was Ruth Young, Lydia Moore, Laura Browning, Lemira Parker, William K. Keener, William T. Ammons and Andrew McClure. Received by letter was Elizabeth J. McClure, Sarah E. Ammons, William Martin Peek and Alexander P. Keener.

December 1885

This sister, Mary Teem, never missed a meeting at church from the time she pained until her death.

March 31, 1886

SugarFork Church of Christ at SugarFork in session. By motion the brothers and sisters on the head of Ellijay are granted a letter of dismission to be united into a church.

June 19, 1886

In conference, two committies were appointed to make necessary arrangements for the Tuckaseegee Association to be held at the church. On motion, the church agreed to take a vote of thanks tendered Mr. John Potts, for his aid in securing a pulpit, Bible and Hymm Book for the church. On motion, the church elects three brethern in this church as deacons. They are: Bros. B.M. Allen, J.A. Higdon, and W.J. Potts to be ordained at our next meeting.

T.R. Arnold, clerk

February 20, 1887

Elder John and Marian Morgan have labored with the SugarFork Church two days and resulted in the addition of twenty-one members to the church. Received February 2 by experience the following: Sally Allen, Abraham Moore, David Potts, James Higdon, Samuel Higdon, Charles Stewman, and John Teem. On February 26 were: James Fox, Emmar McDowell, Ellen Crisp, Lydia Higdon, and Allie Allen.

March 19, 1887

In session the financial committee was called on to make their report for 1886. Report as follows: Paid Pastor $34.25 and have $28.25 on our subscription unpaid and are not able to make a report for 1885.

May 14, 1887

The SugarFork Church in conference. After a sermon by the pastor the minutes of our last

meeting read and approved. On motion the June meeting is set apart for communion and that we invite Elders: John Morgan and J.R. Ammons, with Franklin, Ellijay and Watauga Churches to be with us. By motion the chair appoints five delegates to represent us in the Macon Union. Joseph Higdon, C.M. Bolick, W.M. Arnold, W.L. Potts and T.R. Arnold. On motion the church instructs the delegates to invite the Macon Union to meet with this church at its next meeting. Meeting adjourned!

T.M. Morgan, moderator
T.R. Arnold, clerk

November 19, 1887

The door of the church was opened and received by experience was J.N. Arnold and Harriett Stewman. On motion, a committee of three was appointed to consider the properity of building a new church home at this place. The committee appointed was: B.M. Allen, W.H. Higdon, W.T. Potts. On motion our next meeting is set apart for communion and that we invite Franklin, Ellijay, Pine Grove and Watauga and their pastors to be with us.

T.R. Arnold, Clerk

March 17, 1888

A committee was appointed to consider the dimensions and probable cost of our new church house. The committee thinks it necessary to build a new church house as early as possible.

May 18, 1888

SugarFork Baptist Church of Christ in session. The brethern who were appointed to take subscription in land for our new church house were by motion empowered with authority to take subscription of any kind.

T.R. Arnold, Clerk

1889

Avaline Peek died at the age of 87. She was a member of a church for 72 years.

Saturday, September 9, 1889

SugarFork met at the Ellijay (Carpenters) schoolhouse. The reason that the new church building is yet too incomplete for us.

Saturday, October 17, 1889

The church and the pastors were deterred from gathering on account of rain.

1890

Mary Arnold died at the age of 72 years. Had been a member of the church for 56 years.

May 17, 1890

SugarFork Church in session. By motion the finance committee was allowed till next meeting to make report and they see parties who have subscribed and not afraid to urge them to pay up at once.

1891

Jane Higdon died at the age of 76 years. She was a member of the church for 60 years.

William Peek died at the age of 82 years. He had been a member for 37 years.

June 20, 1891

The church approved a committee of three to supervise the repairing of the enclosure of the cemetery.

1893

Addie Mashburn was admitted to the church on March 19, 1882 by baptism. She died in 1893 on November 1 at the age of 13. She had been a member for one year and eight months.

Cynthia Fulton died at the age of 80 years. She had been a member for 52 years.

William Arnold died on February 24, 1893. He was 76 years, 8 months and 26 days old. He was a church member for 58 years, deacon for 57 years and clerk for 30 years. He was arduous in maintaining the integrity of the church.

Martha Arnold was baptized when she was ten years old. Was a member of SugarFork Baptist Church for thirty years until her death on November 22, 1893 at forty years old.

April 15, 1893

The amount of pastors salary was made $75.00 per year.

October 21, 1894

Received by baptism was brother Crayton Watts and sisters, Dollie Jennings, Cora

Mashburn, Ida Ammons, Mollie Mashburn and Arba W. Watts. Brother Thomas Mashburn by restoration.

December 15, 1894

Our dear brother, Pastor J.R. Pendergrass began a series of meetings and labored earnestly and faithfully with us for ten days with good results.

October 19, 1895

Saturday service meeting was called together by singing "Come Thou Fount". Prayer lesson read and comments on same. Prayer by brother J.C.M. Bolick. L.A. Allen was appointed to represent us in the W.N. Baptist Convention at Bryson City.

A.A. Allen, Clerk Protem

February 1, 1896

Rev A.B. Thomas began a series of meetings lasting sixteen days. The church was greatly revived and sinners were awakened. Seventeen professed faith in Christ. Three were restored.

May 16, 1896

In session, a resolution was unanimously passed in regard to protecting the church against the encroachments of spirituous liquor.

June 20, 1896

On motion the delegates were instructed to vote for a division of the Tuckaseegee Association to form a Macon County Association.

July 18, 1896

The Sugarfork Church in conference. A sermon by the pastor. Minutes of previous session read and approved. The report of the building committee was read and approved.

Report: We the building committee submit the following; we feel it necessary to build a new church edifice. A brick structure 40 by 60 feet, ten large lights - five on each side. Roofing to be of shingles, three rows of seats ten feet long with two aisles five feet each. One large door with double shutters. B.M. Allen, W.N. Higdon, J.A. Higdon, J.M. Bolick, W.L. Higdon, W.M. Arnold and T.R. Arnold are the committee.

Fourth on motion after reading the church letter to the association, on consideration, was approved.

Fifth on motion, W.L. Higdon and T.R. Arnold were appointed as agents to solicit aid in the construction of our new house.

Sixth on motion, adjourned.

J.A. Pendergrass, Moderator
T.R. Arnold, Clerk

Sabbath collection for orphanage was forty cents.

July 18, 1897

Rev. E. Allison began a series of meetings lasting nineteen days with the following results: Twenty-eight conversions and twenty-three additions to the church. Paid to Rev. Allison for his service was thirty dollars.

August 4, 1897

Received into the church by baptism was George Crisp, A.W. Stiles, Zidia Crisp, Thomas Gribble, H.H. Mashburn, Leonard Higdon Jr., William Higdon, M.A. Stiles, Cora Higdon, Fannie Gribble, Rosa Carpenter, Nora Benfield, Eve Catherine Higdon, Vinnie Higdon, Nannie Stewman, Adar Elders, Emmer Tallent and Minnie Crisp.

April 9, 1898

At six p.m. the board of deacons with Pastor Sims elect met and made the following contract. That the pastor work one fourth of his time, during the year with the church and that the church pay him for his services $100.00 per year to be paid quarterly.

June 10, 1899

On motion the old building committee was released and a new committee appointed as follows: T.R. Arnold, W.L. Higdon, and J.A. Higdon.

We have on hand about 47,000 bricks, about 8,000 shingles and nothing on subscription, but we recommend the dimensions be modified from 40 by 60 to 28 by 44. We also recommend that a general subscription be taken for putting up the wall and enclosing the house. A resolution was offered by brother J.K. Bryson. Resolve first that this church need an active field agent whose business shall be to solicit additional funds for the erecting of our new church building. Resolve second that brother W.L Bradley be and hereby duly appointed to enter upon that work at his earliest convenience and to inform the church from time to time as to his progress.

W.L. Bradley, Moderator
T.R. Arnold, Clerk

July 8, 1899

Preaching at the Liberty school house at 4:00 p.m. by the pastor. The pastor continued the services at the same place during the week with two sermons a day. The result was: christians revived and sinners made to tremble and believe. There were twelve conversions and some had the way of salvation restored to them.

August 12, 1899

Candidates for Baptism were: Nannie Bingham, Jackson Mashburn, Charles Mashburn, Burt Mashburn, David Ammons, Tishia Mashburn, Mussella Jennings, Sally Sorrells, Hulda Mashburn, Fannie Mashburn, Wesley Ammons, Magaline Gibson, Julia Painter and Candas Mashburn.

Januray 13, 1900

We have the wall of our church building up, with the exception of 1 gable. We have on hand about 1,300 shingles. We have on our subscription paper a little over $100.00 and are out of debt on the house changed to 34 X 50 feet.

Jane Bryson died at the age of 79 years. She was a member of the church for fifty years.

March 11, 1900

The door of the church was opened and received by letter was Rev. W.R. Rickman from Wake Forest Baptist Church.

W.L. Bradley, Moderator
T.R. Arnold, Clerk

April 15, 1900

The board of deacons met and contracted with the pastor elect, that the church pay him $100.00 for pastorial services, less twenty-five dollars as a donation on the part of the pastor in view of our strained circumstances in building.

September 14, 1901

Report by the building committee; We have our church building covered and about paid for. We would recommend that the church raise $150.00 at once to get the house ready for use.

November 23, 1901

Received by Christian experience November 23, 1901 - Charlie Bolick, Samuel Tallent, Joseph King, Maggie Higdon, Bertha Teem, Maggie Teem, Nina Briggs, Minnie Henry, Angie Higdon, Author Myers. November 24, 1901 - Alice Higdon, Bertie Bryson. November 26, 1901 - Harvey Ammons. November 27, 1901 - Robert Elders, Algie Higdon, Charlie Elders, Lular Ammons and Mattie Hopkins. November 28, 1901 - Rufus Coffee, Willie Teem. November 30, 1901 - Jack Parker and Jane Matthews.

Rev. J.W. Briggs, Moderator
T.R. Arnold, Clerk

1901

William Teem was baptized.

June 14, 1902

By motion to meet tomorrow at half past eight A.M. on the church grounds to consider ways and means for the further completion of our church building. At 3:30 p.m. on the Sabbath, the church met and empowered the building committee to go forward and complete the building and that the church be responsible for the expense.

January 24, 1903

J.R. Pendergrass, Pastor. Report of the building committee submits the following: We are now able to report the church building is

completed except for the following items, seats, stand, bell and lights. The cost so far about fifteen hundred dollars. The building is clear of debt except a small amount of $24.00.

June 20, 1903

Our Sexton J.A. Teem was allowed fifty cents for his services.

July 18, 1903

On motion, Mrs. Shook, Lillie Higdon and Lelia Deal were appointed a committee to raise funds for the orphanage.

Six delegates were appointed to represent us in the next session of the Tuckaseegee Association which is to convene in Jackson County.

Delegates elected: J.W. Nash, J.A. Teem, L.A. Allen, J.C. Bolick, W.M. Shook and T.R. Arnold. $1.50 was voted for minutes.

Cora Higdon died at the age of 21. Had been a member for 6 years.

September 5, 1903

A preamble and resolution was read in regard to selling the lumber around the cemetary and applying the proceeds to the further completion of our church house.

September 6, 1903

Sabbath colletion for orphanage was $1.11.

October 3, 1903

The Sunday School held a Mission Service and collected $4.00 for Home & Foreign Missions.

October 4, 1903

Sunday School No. 2 held a Mission Service and collected $2.10 for Home and Foreign Missions.

July 8, 1904

On motion, brother J.K. Bryson was recognized as deacon of SugarFork Church having been ordained at Franklin Church.

The Higdonville Sunday School reported a collection of $3.35 for Home Missions.

Brothers J.K. Bryson and W.N. Mason were appointed to look after a desk for the church.

August 21, 1904

First Macon County Association

The moderator appointed five delegates to represent us in the first Session of Macon County Association, J.C. M. Bolick, J.W. Nash, J.K. Bryson, W.L. Higdon and T.R. Arnold.

The next session of the Macon County Association was invited to convene with the Sugarfork Church.

October 7, 1904

Religious services conducted by brother J.N. Arnold in absence of the pastor.

November 12, 1904

Charlie Bolick was elected Clerk.

December 11, 1904

Brother J.W. Bryson requested a letter of dismission to join the Tabernacle Church in Atlanta, Georgia.

1905

Moody Bolick was recognized as Superintendent at Higdonville.

January 7, 1905

A committee was appointed to formulate and present a plan for seating our house.

January 15, 1905

A committee submits the following plan, that the church appoint a man to raise the additional means to cover the entire number of seats we will need. The number about 39 consisting of 6 long seats 10 ft. long and 33 short seats 7½ feet long and leaving 11 ft. for aisle space. We recommend slat seats.

March 11, 1905

The building committee is to take bids from workmen on the plan of the Presbyterian seats at Franklin and also on a plan for slatted seats.

B.N. Allen was appointed to raise additional means to pay for the seats.

April 8, 1905

B.N. Allen and the pastor J.W. Kesterson and J.W. Nash were appointed a special committee to make contract for seats which were solid seats

for $2.50 each.

J.N. Arnold, Moderator-Proteim
Moody Bolick, Clerk-Proteim

December 11, 1905

Lizzie Teem, Jimmy Teem and Arthur Stewman were received by Baptism.

January 4, 1906

Brother J.A. Brendle was elected as Pastor.

May 13, 1906 - "A Beautiful Memorial"

The memorial committee offered the following report which was adopted:

...Where as after a lingering illness of many months, our dear brother T.R. Arnold was called from an earthy existence April 23, 1906 at the age of 48 years.

He was born and reared in Macon County, North Carolina. Up rightness and Christian qualities marked his life and he was much esteemed.

He held an untarnished membership in Sugarfork Baptist Church from his youth, thus giving God his manhood.

He also held responsible positions in the church being a deacon many years, and a clerk 25 years, and long did he act as an efficient Sunday School Superintendent.

In all his duties he was ever diligent and faithful. He was always ready to respond to the call of church support as well as religious objects generously.

He was patient in suffering and murmured not so great was his Christian fortitude.

Brother Arnold was concious to the last and his faith in God was strong in the hour of death.

Therefore, be it resolved (1) That the church, the Sunday school and the community are bereaved of a citizen of sterling worth and whose Christian intregrity we commend. (2) That his place will not easily be filled when we consider his efficiency in religious work. (3) That brother Arnold's testimony leaves no doubt that he is numbered with the redeemed and is today in the presence of God. (4) That we extend sympathy to the family and relatives, and may their grief be softened by the hope of a reunion in heavenly mansions. (5) That a copy of the resolutions be entered in our church records and others be sent to the Biblical Recorder for publication.

J.K. Bryson, JC. M. Bolick Committee

May 14, 1906

Martha and Angie Deal were received into the church by letter.

December, 1906

Brother Nash was appointed to collect money for a new stove.

Received by Christian experience was Maude Higdon, Bertha Higdon, Fred Higdon, Lula Crisp, Elsie Crisp, Les Hamby, Bill Tallent, James Tallent, John Carpenter, Carry Moore, Frank McDowell and W.A. Berry.

W.L. Griggs, Moderator
C.B. Bolick, Clerk

June 9, 1907

Brother W.L. Griggs was publically ordained to the full work of the Gospel Ministry.

September 7, 1907

John Teem was elected church clerk.

December 15, 1907

Brother Joseph A. Bryson was licensed to preach the Gospel. Believing him to be called of God, our prayer is that he may be a workman of God, rightly dividing the word of truth.

October 10, 1908

On motion, the report on church roll revision be adopted & requested the clerk to write members that are away concerning their spiritual welfare.

November 27, 1909

SugarFork Church in conference. First resolution brief provides that a committee be appointed to confer with pastor elect, regarding salary and after amount is sustained, said committee shall report same to the church for its approval.

Second resolution provides that after salary is determined, said committee shall access each member of the church a reasonable amount for pastor's salary. Also, to notify each member of amount thus accessed against him or her. Should complaint be made by any member, as to the

amount, committee shall adjust same, as may seem proper.

Resolved that a committee composed of: W.L. Higdon, J.M. Moore, W.P. Deal, J.H. Higdon and J.A. Teem be and is hereby appointed whose duty it shall be to confer with Pastor elect, T.C. King and arrange the amount of salary to be paid to Brother King by SugarFork Church the present year. Also, it shall be their duty of said committee to report the result of its work to the church for final consideration.

J.K. Bryson, Clerk

March 26, 1910

On motion, the church endorses the Sunday School as part of the church work.

Sunday School was orgainized March 6, 1910 with the following officers: J.C.M. Bolick, Superintendent, M.M. Frady, Assistant Superintendent, and he was also elected leader in music. W.M. Arnold, assistant in music. J.A. Teem, secretary. Teachers advanced class - J.L. Higdon & J.M. Moore. Intermediates - W.M. Arnold, Lelia Deal. Primary - M.M. Frady. Card - Lula Crisp and George Crisp.

April 9, 1910

There are the resolutions of the Sunday School in the sense that it is the providence of the church to appoint the Sunday School Superintendent and otherwise manifest an interest in the maintenance of a Sunday School in the midst of its membership.

Therefore resolve:

That SugarFork Baptist Church hereby approves the Sunday School as already organized at this place and appreciates the efforts of the teachers and Superintendent to make the school efficient.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be entered in our church record.

J.K. Bryson, Clerk

April 21, 1912

The church appointed a committee of three, J.K. Bryson, W.L. Higdon and J.T. Tyler, to get funds and help build the church at Prentiss, N.C.

July, 1912

At conference the church decided to make repairs on the church building. Committee as follows: W.L. Higdon (Chairman), George Crisp, J.L. Higdon, John M. Moore and J.L Tyler.

R.P. McCracken, Moderator
L.H. Higdon, Clerk

Saturday, November 9, 1912

The work done at the call meeting at the schoolhouse was endorsed by the church.

January 11, 1913

Sister Ruth Deal was united with the church by letter.

Brother J.M. Moore propositioned giving $25.00 for the different objects in missions, if the church will duplicate it. Referred to a committee which was to report to the church.

L.H. Higdon, Clerk

August, 1913

Brother Leana Walkins and wife was granted a letter by their request to join Pine Grove Church.

November 8, 1913

The Chair appointed delegates to the Union Meeting. Names as follows: J.C.M. Bolick, J.T. Tyler and George Crisp.

The delegates were instructed to invite the next Union Meeting to convene with us.

Saturday, January 10, 1914

The chair was given power to appoint collectors for Home and Foreign Missions. He appointed Pearl Higdon, Margie Higdon, Myrtle Bolick, Lizzie Teem & Mamie Tallent.

February 7, 1914

The Board of Deacons agreed to pay the Pastor $75.00 for this years work. The church confirmed the agreement.

December 12, 1914

A motion carried to appoint brother deacons and brother Tyler to consult together and report tomorrow on whether or not the church have a box-supper for the purpose of buying a bell.

October 9, 1915

J.L. Higdon and Will Teem was appointed as

a committee to collect funds to build a flue in the church.

April 8, 1916
J.C.M. Bolick was endorsed as Sunday School Superintendent at Higdonville.

October 8, 1916
Brother J.A. Brendle was elected Pastor for the year.

February 24, 1917
Brother Will Higdon and Len Higdon were appointed to see after hanging the bell and to collect funds for same. Brother Will Higdon was appointed to see after getting deed fixed up for land purchased from Jesse Stewman for graveyard.

March 24, 1917
Deed was in hands of church clerk.

June 23, 1917
Hanging of the bell could not be finished as the material could not be had.

August 25, 1917
On motion brother J.T. Tyler was elected to the Board of Deacons to be ordained at the next regular meeting and invited brother J.N. Arnold as one of the Presbytary.
He was ordained September 23, 1917.

February 28, 1917
Committee on collecting funds to buy a stove was continued.

J.A. Brendle, Moderator
Len H. Higdon, Clerk

1918
Fred Crisp, Nina Crisp and Esther Teem were baptized and joined the church.

March, 1918
Committee on collecting funds for stove was deferred indefinately.

April 28, 1918
After preaching, collections was taken with a total of $6.65.

1920
Five souls were baptized into fellowship of the church.

The minutes are missing for the years **1921** and **1922**, but we found this old book in which John Teem had kept a Sunday School report, as follows:

March 31, 1921
SugarFork Sunday School report
1. Called to order by Superintendent G.W. Dowdle
2. Music by the school
3. Prayer by superintendent
4. Classes and lesson study

Class No. 1 — Present 2
Class No. 2 — Present 3
Class No. 3 — Present 0
Class No. 4 — Present 12
Teachers & Officers — 5
--------Visitors — 1
----------Total — 23
Collection 27 cents.

John A. Teem, Secretary

December 18, 1921 — 11 Present, Collection 0.

January 22, 1922 — 20 Present, Collection 2 cents.

March 19, 1922 — 21 Present, Collection 5 cents.

W.H. Teem, Superintendent
John Teem, Secretary

July 14, 1923

Brother L.H. Higdon resigned as clerk and brother W.H. Teem was elected.

On motion a special invitation was sent to brothers who have walking disorderly to be present at our next regular conference.

September 15, 1923

On motion, sister Irene Bryson was elected organist. Brother Will Teem was elected Singing Leader.

October 20, 1923

On motion, the act of doing away with our Saturday Meeting was recinded.

Rev. G.A. Bartlett, Moderator
W.H. Teem, Clerk

Sunday, October 21, 1923

A motion was made to appoint a committee to collect funds to cover church building. Names on committee as follows: J.L.Higdon, John Corbin, George Crisp, Logan Clark and J.T. Tyler.

1924

Three people were baptized and joined the church.

July 12, 1924

Delegates were appointed to the association. Brothers Tom Tyler, W.H. Teem, John Corbin, Logan Clark, George Crisp, Leslie Higdon and sister Grimshaw Corbin.

Rev. John Baty, Moderator
W.H. Teem, Clerk

September 21, 1924

Brothers J.L. Tyler, George Crisp and J.L. Higdon was appointed to look after getting roofing and covering church building.

April 11, 1925

The clerk is to buy a register for the church and the church is to pay for it.

May 9, 1925

The clerk was given the privilege of adding names to the Church Book that wasn't on record as follows: Brothers John Corbin and George Crisp, sister Eva Keener.

July 11, 1925

Delegates were named for association. Names as follows: J.L.Higdon, George Crisp, Tom Tyler, Furman Corbin, W.H. Teem and sisters Irene Bryson, Bertha Tallent and Mabel Teem.

July 26, 1925

Brother J.N. Arnold was elected Moderator. Brother John Baty was unanimously elected Pastor, W.H. Teem - Clerk, Walter Arnold - Treasurer, J.L. Tyler - Superintendent of Sunday School, Jess Tyler - assistant Superintendent, J.A. Teem - Secretary.

September 12, 1925

The clerk was given the privilege of writing the absent members as to what they wanted to do about their membership.

January 23, 1926

Brother C.T Bryson was accepted by letter into the church.

April 11, 1926

The Saturday services at three oclock was changed to Sunday evening at 8 oclock.

September 12, 1926

A committee was appointed to look after the welfare of members who are not living up to their Christian duty. Committee named Tom Tyler, Walter Arnold, George Crisp & Frank McDowell.

May 8, 1927

Sister Tishie Berry and brother Furman Corbin were granted letters of dismission to join another church.

May 12, 1927

Letters of dismission were granted to the following brothers and sisters. Edd Guffie, Norman Guffie, Leonard Hunnicutt, James Hunnicutt, Alex Gibson, sisters Mrs. Edd Guffie, Lora Guffie, Mrs Hattie Gibson, Delma Gibson and Lola Gibson.

June 12, 1927

Letters of dismission were granted to brother Ellison Dendy and wife to join another church.

Brother J.T. Tyler was elected foreman over graveyard cleaning off.

A committee was appointed to collect funds for cleaning of graveyard. Names as follows: Phoebe Crisp, Brother Joseph Dendy, Mel Houston, Bert Mashburn, Tom Bryson, Furman Stewman, Gene Houston, Grimshaw Corbin, Bill Higdon, Ben Gibson, Harley Mashburn, Walter Young, W.N. Arnold, Parker Moore and sister Lillie Crawford.

July 17, 1927

Brother A.S. Solesbee was elected as Pastor. On motion, Saturday night service was changed to Saturday evening at 3 oclock.

November 13, 1927

Sister Irene Bryson was appointed Church Directory and a committee was appointed to take pledges for cooperative campaign; Brothers Charlie Crawford, J.J. Corbin, J.T Tyler, George Crisp, C.T Bryson, Leslie Higdon, and sister Sallie Higdon.

Sunday School Convention about the year 1927 or 28, held at First Baptist Church in Franklin. A group from SugarFork attended and rode in Walter Arnold's wagon. The ones we recognize are: Herman Teem, Clyde Crisp, Bill Stewman, Margie Roper, Woodrow Dowdle, Walter Arnold, Glen Dowdle, George Dowdle, George and Zittie Crisp, Ed Crisp, Fred Crisp, Tom Tyler, Jess and Lizzie Tyler, John and Hannah Teem, Effie Stewman, Will Teem and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Crawford.

Sunday School Convention 1927 or 1928

February 12, 1928

Brother Wilford Thompson's church letter was accepted.

September 9, 1928

A committee was appointed consisting of brother C.T. Bryson, J.T. Tyler, Jess Tyler, W.H. Teem, J.J. Corbin and sisters Lillie Crawford and Irene Bryson to see the disorderly members of the church.

October 14, 1928

On motion, sister Eva Keener and daughter Lois Keener was granted letters of dismission to join First Baptist Church of Sylva, North Carolina.

November 11, 1928

Brother Floyd Womack was granted license by the church to preach.

Sunday afternoon services were changed till Sunday night.

Brother William Crawford was granted a letter of dismission.

April 14, 1929

A call meeting was set for Saturday before the second Sunday in May at 3 oclock to look after church business.

The church was to buy a memorial set for church.

November 10, 1929

A committee was appointed to assist deacons in repairing church building. Names as follows: Brothers J.J. Corbin and C.T. Bryson.

Rev. A.S. Solesbee, Moderator
W.H. Teem, Clerk

January 12, 1930

On motion, Saturday night services was changed to Sunday Night.

February 9, 1930

Brother Frank Wooten and wife were granted letters of dismission to unite with the Wells Grove Baptist Church.

June 8, 1930

The church voted to buy a $9.00 communion set instead of a $5.00 set.

Sister Lydia Reed was granted a letter of dismission to join another church.

July 20, 1930

The building committee reports $64,50 in cash and $10.00 work.

June 21, 1931

Brother Floyd Womack and wife Eva, were granted letters of dismission to East Sylva Baptist Church.

Delegates to association were appointed as follows: Brothers C.T. Bryson, George Crisp, W.M. Arnold, W.H. Teem, J.L. Tyler, Fred Corbin, sisters Eva Corbin and Lillie Crawford.

July 12, 1931

The church voted to start a revival meeting the second Sunday night in August.

July 17, 1932

Sugarfork Baptist Church held a series of revival meetings which lasted nine days with the pastor A.S. Solesbee & Brother Eugene Eller.

Brother Eller doing most of the preaching. The church was greatly revived and some were restored with one addition by Baptism.

April 16, 1933

Brother Fred Sorrells was granted a letter of dismission.

August 6, 1933

Brother Charlie Crawford was elected superintendent of Higdonville Sunday School.

August 8, 1933

Our present superintendent, W.H. Teem was re-elected as superintendent of Sugarfork.

February 17, 1934

A motion for the pastor to appoint a pulpit committee, names as follows: J.L. Higdon, George Dowdle, W.M. Arnold, Mrs. C.T. Bryson and H.H. Mashburn.

A finance committee was appointed by the chair, names as follows: Brother George Crisp, Mrs. Charlie Crawford, Miss Ruth Berry, Miss Cora Lee Higdon and Woodrow Dowdle.

June 16, 1935

Delegates to the association were appointed, names as follows: Brother George Crisp, Charlie Crawford, J.J. Corbin, sisters Eva Keener, Eva Corbin and Ruth Higdon.

December 15, 1935

Sister Pearl Corbin was granted a letter of dismission to join another Baptist Church.

August 2, 1936

Brother J.T. Vinson was nominated and elected pastor of Sugarfork Church.

August 2, 1937

Inez Tyler was nominated and elected Secretary of Sunday School.

September 19, 1937

Sister Alma Moses was granted a letter of dismission.

These were added to the church by baptism: J.D. Crisp, Lemuel Crisp, Pauline Teem, Jessie Tyler, Ruth Tyler, Johnsie Teem, Marvin McDowell, Mildred Early, Christine Crisp, Joe Tyler, Ruby Teem, Madge Frady and Vinnie Tallent.

July 24, 1938

Sister Annie Sorrells and brother Roy Wooten and wife Myrtle and, sister May West were granted letters of dismission to join another church.

Officers and teachers of Higdonville Sunday School were appointed by the church.

Brother Mayberry was nominated as Pastor of Sugarfork Church.

November 13, 1938

Brother Nelson V. Stamey and wife Marie was received into full fellowship of the church.

Januray 8, 1939

Brother Lefferts Higdon was granted a letter of dismission to join Holly Springs Baptist Church.

Rev. Mayberry, Moderator
W.H. Teem, Clerk

February 12, 1939

Brother Sanford Smith and wife were received into full fellowship by letter.

March 12, 1939

Brothers Sanford Smith, Fred Corbin, Jess Tyler were nominated for deacons, were elected and set aside for ordination.

April 9, 1939

The Presbytery voted unanimously to accept the recommendations of deacons to be ordained.

Brother Rogers delivered the Ordinational Sermon and the candidates for deacons were ordained.

The Presbytery consisted of names as follows: Rev. R.F. Mayberry, Rev. Rogers, J.T. Tyler, Rolen Rickman, George Crisp and W.H. Teem.

May 15, 1939

The church voted to elect a finance committee whose names as follows: Joe Higdon, Fred Corbin, Billie Higdon, Homer Stewman and Frank McDowell.

September 17, 1940

Mrs. Fred Corbin was elected as organist and Sanford Smith as Song Leader.

March 10, 1940

On motion, brother Joseph Higdon's resignation as Treasurer was accepted. Brother Fred Corbin was elected.

March 9, 1941

A group was elected to work on church membership, names as follows: group captain, Fred Corbin, Leaders: Sanford Smith, Jess Tyler, George Crisp, Charlie Higdon, Mrs. Homer Stewman, Mrs. Virgil Stamey, Mrs. Sanford Smith, Mrs. Fred Corbin, Ruby Teem and Mrs. Robert Elders.

August 10, 1941

On motion, the church voted to pay as much as $1.00 rent to Cowee Church for books to use in Vacation Bible School.

Rev. George Davis, Moderator
W.H. Teem, Clerk

August 20, 1942

The church accepted the report recommended by deacons as read on church budget, and the fourth Sunday morning service at Higdonville Schoolhouse.

November 8, 1942

The church treasurer was to pay $3.00 for wood for Higdonville Sunday School.

1942

Six people were baptized this year.

Being baptized in Joab Crisp turnhole were Patti Conley, Betty Sue McDowell, Margaret Moses, Madge Frady and Howard Teem.

March 14, 1943

A motion was made to adopt resolutions by deacons to build pastor's home which was discussed and adopted & approved by the church. Brother Frank McDowell was elected as chairman of the committee & other members are brothers Joe Potts and Sanford Smith.

June 13, 1943

The church voted to buy fifty song books from Franklin Church for $15.00.

August 8, 1943

Brother George Crisp was elected janitor.

August 9, 1943

Sister Mayme Higdon Murray was granted a letter of dismission to join Franklin Baptist Church.

The church voted that wood on church property be used at church and Higdonville Sunday School.

November 14, 1943

The church voted to pay $15.00 pastor's expenses to Baptist State Convention.

The church voted to have all day services the second Sunday in December with dinner on the ground.

April 16, 1944

The church accepted a Will or Donation from Charlie Fulton of $100.00 for Sugarfork Cemetary. Also, the church accepted recommendations to have the Lord's Acre Plan for another year, and fixing the yard in front of the church. On motion, a Bible School was to start on Monday after the third Sunday in July. Brother Sanford Smith was elected leader of Bible School at Church and one week at Higdonville School House.

September 17, 1944

The church voted to send $15.00 to Meredith College.

December 10, 1944

Sister Laura Tallent was given five dollars a month by the church while she is disable to work.

July 29, 1945

Brother Bill Sorrells was nominated pastor for the next year.

October 21. 1945

Recommended by the Board of Deacons, raises of $8.00 for Cooperative Program (20 percent), orphanage 5 percent, local church work 15 percent, and we recommend that a committee be appointed to look after the local poor.

Brother Frank Wooten and wife were recommended to the church by letter.

On motion, sister Eugenia Teem Ashe was granted a letter of dismission to join Iotla Baptist Church.

Sanford Smith, Chairman
W.H. Teem, Clerk

August 3, 1946

Brothers Fredric Corbin and Howard Teem were nominated ushers of the church.

Brother Fred Crisp was nominated as Janitor.

October 20, 1946

A Right-of-Way was granted through the cemetary to the folks that live out that way.

December 11, 1946

Sister Eloise Teem was granted a letter of dismission.

January 5, 1947

The church voted to gravel the church yard.

July 6, 1947

Brother, Athen Moses and wife Nora, was accepted by letter into the church.

August 3. 1947

Church budget of $1,000.00 was approved by the church.

Rev. W.L. Sorrells, Pastor
W.H. Teem, Clerk

September 7, 1947

Mrs. Anne Teem Bailey was granted a letter of dismission to join the First Baptist Church in Franklin.

Letters of dismission were granted to Mrs. Roy Wykle (Mildred Stewman) & brother Lyle Higdon to join another church.

August 4, 1948

Messengers to the Association were appointed as follows: Brothers Sanford Smith, W.H. Teem, Fred Corbin, Roy Smith, Kenneth Corbin & Mrs. Sanford Smith.

A pulpit committee was appointed, names as follows: Fred Corbin, Alex Higdon, Ed Crisp, Harry Corbin and Jim Teem.

March 3, 1949

The church voted to pay five dollars a month for County Missionary.

July 17, 1949

Officers & Teachers of Higdonville Sunday School were approved.

Messengers to the Association were appointed, names as follows: brother Fred Corbin, W.H. Teem and Mrs. Pearl Corbin.

April 2, 1950

Preaching services was changed from evening services to Sunday morning at eleven o'clock.

April 23, 1950

Brother Doyle Burgess was nominated for pastor for the remainder of the associational year.

June 4, 1950

A building committee was appointed, names as follows: Jeter Higdon, Grayson Higdon, Athen Moses and Fred Crisp.

Rev. Doyle Burgess, Pastor
W.H. Teem, Clerk

June 18, 1950

Mrs. Wayne Higdon was recieved by letter into Sugarfork Baptist Church.

July 2, 1950

All offices except pastor were elected for the next year. Clerk, W.H. Teem; Treasurer, Marie Jennings; Sunday School Superintendent, W.H. Teem, assistant, Mrs. Pearl Corbin; Janitor, Fred Crisp; Deacons, Wayne Higdon, Fred Crisp, Clyde Crisp, Homer Stewman & C.T. Bryson.

July 16, 1950

The church granted letters to the following: Mr. Charlie Crawford, Mrs. Lillie Crawford, Mrs. Earl Finney, Fred Corbin, Mrs. Fred Corbin, Mae Corbin, Harry Corbin, Blair Price, Maxine Price, Mrs. A.W. Higdon, Mr. Alex Higdon, Ted Higdon, Marie Stamey, J. Loyd Stamey, Major Higdon, Mrs. Eva Corbin and Mrs. W.R. Higdon.

August 6, 1950

Letters of dismission were granted to the following: Max Corbin, Fredric Corbin, Bobby J. Corbin, Furman Corbin, Jr., Kenneth Corbin, & Grace Higdon Fulton.

Sugarfork Church disapproved of church organization at Higdonville.

October 15, 1950

Letters of dismission were granted to Mrs. Hester Higdon Adams, Ted Stamey, Frank Ray and W.T. Cloer.

November 5, 1950

Brother, Gene Stamey was granted a letter of dismission.

November 19, 1950

The church voted to pay labor bill for making doors for the church. The collection every second Sunday was to be taken for the Building Fund.

April 1, 1951

The church recieves candidates for Baptism, brothers; Dewitt Thompson, John Pennington, & Charles Bridgeman. They were baptized May 20, 1951.

July 15, 1951

W.H. Teem was elected Superintendent, Pearl Corbin assistant. Howard Teem, Secretary; Dewitt Thompson, assistant. Fred Crisp, Caretaker for cemetary. Irene Bryson was elected Pianist, Mildred Bryson, Song Leader, Marie Jennings, Treasurer.

September 2, 1951

Rev. Clarence Taylor was recommended as Pastor to Sugarfork Church and was unanimously elected.

September 14, 1952

Being baptized at the Bowers Riverside were: Athen Moses Jr., James L Teem, Bennie Joe Crisp, Judith Ann Crisp, Willa Mae Early,Wilma Jean Crisp and Max Holland.

C.T. Taylor, Pastor
W.H. Teem, Clerk

July 19, 1953

Brother Taylor was nominated as pastor. W.H. Teem was re-elected at Clerk. Marie Jennings, Treasurer; Irene Bryson, Pianist; Mildred Bryson, Choir Leader; Dewitt Thompson, Superintendent; Pauline Thompson, Secretary; Tom Bryson, Men's Class; and Irene Bryson, Adult Women, with Mrs. Eva Keener, assistant.

July 18, 1954

Messengers to the association were appointed, names as follows: Pauline Thompson, W.H. Teem, Mrs. Joe Potts, Mrs. Roxie Teem, Mrs. Elizabeth Higdon and Mrs. Irene Bryson.

August 29, 1954

Brother Jarvis Underwood was elected as pastor.

October 24, 1954

Moved and seconded that prayer meeting be started the first Thursday night in November.

Margaret Early was received into the church fellowship by letter from Pine Grove.

Wayles Arrowood was taken under the watch care of the church until she could receive her letter from Windy Gap Baptist Church.

Rev. Underwood, Moderator
Marie Jennings, Asst. Clerk

1954

Being baptized were Louise Pennington, Harold Crisp and Janice Thompson.

May 1, 1955

Brother Sam Higdon was granted a letter of dismission to join Higdonville Baptist Church.

Joseph Gaither Teem was granted a letter of dismission to join another church.

July 16, 1955

Messengers to the association were appointed, names as follows: W.H. Teem, Pauline Thompson, Irene Bryson, Ann Teem and Inez Guest.

December 1, 1955

Brother John McCoy was accepted into Sugarfork Church on a statement of his faith in the Baptist Church.

February 5, 1956

The church voted to drop from the roll the names of Mrs. Ruby Teem Atkinson and to forward a letter of acknowledgement to the church to which she united.

Mrs. Madge Frady Webb was granted a letter of dismission to unite with the First Baptist Church in Clearlake, Washington.

Sister Katherine Holden Teem was accepted under the watch care of the church with a promise of a letter from First Baptist Church in Franklin.

September 2, 1956

The church voted to pay $120.00 for a new pulpit stand matching the other furniture donated by Mrs. Pearl Corbin and Mr. Lyman Higdon. The $120.00 was to be raised by special fund, if possible.

December 2. 1956

The church authorized the treasurer to take money from the building fund if necessary to finish paying for the pulpit stand.

Rev. James Underwood, Moderator
Howard Teem, Clerk

April 14, 1957
Mrs. Lucille Early Cabe was granted a letter of dismission to join Lovedale Baptist Church in Sylva.

July 7, 1957
Messengers to the association were appointed as follows: Howard Teem, Katherine Teem, Irene Bryson, Harley Tyler, W.H. Teem & alternate Carolyn Teem.

Mr. & Mrs. Herman Teem were chosen as representatives of Associational Executive Committee.

August 4, 1957
Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Higdon & Waynette were granted letters of dismission to join a church of same faith & order.

September 1, 1957
Brother Tom Bryson was elected as Chairman of the Board of Deacons.

October 6, 1957
Fifty dollars was donated by Mrs. Eva Higdon Holbrooks to go into the building fund.

November 3, 1957
The church voted to have a Christmas Program.

April 6, 1958
George Moses was granted a letter of dismission to join the Ellijay Baptist Church.

July 6, 1958
Mrs. John Ervin, formerly Velma Crisp was granted a letter of dismission to join another church.

September 7, 1958
Brother Jess Tyler was authorized to go ahead with the work on the Sunday School rooms and front steps.

December 7, 1958
Mrs. Lena Lee Crisp Wooten was granted a letter of dismission to unite with Flint Grove Baptist Church in Gastonia, N.C.

January 4, 1959
Brother J.S. Cunningham was liberated by the church to preach the gospel until the time of his ordination.

May 3, 1959
Mrs. Pauline Thompson was elected as principal of the Vacation Bible school, which was to begin in June.

June 21, 1959
Anne Price was elected as song leader for the coming year. It was voted to prefer action until the next conference on the letter from Black Mountain Baptist Church requesting help for building an addition to their church.

November 1, 1959
The fifth Sunday in November was set aside for a Thanksgiving offering for the Baptist Orphanage.

January 3, 1960
It was suggested by our Pastor that the church prayerfully consider the ordaining of brother J.S. Cunningham to preach the gospel.

Rev. James Underwood

February 7, 1960
It was voted to increase the pastor's salary by $10.00 a month for traveling expenses.

July 3, 1960
Herman Teem was re-elected as Sunday School Superintendent and John Pennington as Assistant Superintendent.

July 10, 1960
Harold Crisp was re-elected as Sunday School Secretary.

October 2, 1960
Mrs. Annie Mae Bailey & Miss Wanda Bailey were accepted in full fellowship of the church upon receiving their letter of recommendation from Franklin First Baptist.

October 9, 1960
The church voted to take the necessary steps for the ordination of Brother J.S. Cunningham

to the ministry. The ordination service will be held the fifth Sunday in October.

The treasurer was authorized to order a loose leaf Bible to be presented to Brother Cunningham at the ordination service.

The church voted to have the roof fixed over the Sunday School rooms and new celetex purchased for the ceiling to replace the damaged celetex and have the windows re-painted.

Brother Underwood asked that the church prayerfully consider his resignation during the next month.

Walter Fox, Dewitt Thompson & Jesse Tyler were elected to serve on the pulpit committee.

February 12, 1961

The ceiling over the Sunday School rooms were to be fixed as soon as we were sure all the leaks in the roof had been fixed.

March 5, 1961

It was voted the church buy grass seed for the ground adjoining the cemetary and Joseph McDowell would sow the seed and keep the grass mowed for hay.

The church voted to select a committee to contact the state and the other churches who use the cemetary about having work done to improve the church parking area.

Joining the church by letter from Cowee Baptist Church was Betty D. Teem.

April 9, 1961

The church decided to wait until the following Sunday to decide on how many song books we would order and how we could raise the money for the books.

May 14, 1961

Mr. & Mrs. Joe Tyler were granted a letter of dismission.

June 11, 1961

Willis Teem was elected Sunday School Superintendent and Herman Teem as assistant. Harold Crisp, secretary; Howard Teem, Church Clerk; Marie Jennings, Treasurer; Irene Bryson, Pianist; Katherine Teem, assistant; Mildred Moore, Song Leader; Doris Simmons, assistant; Dewitt Thompson, Adult Men's Teacher; Jess Tyler, assistant; Mrs. Irene Bryson, Adult Ladies Teacher; Mrs. Amy Deal, assistant Tom Bryson, Young People's Teacher; Clyde Crisp, assistant; Katherine Teem, Intermediate Teacher; Lois Keener, assistant; Mildred Moore, Junior Girls Teacher; Ruth Brown, assistant; Marie Jennings, Junior Boy's Teacher; Bernice Teem, assistant; Alma Teem, Primary Teacher; Janice Thompson, assistant; Carol Thompson, Beginner's Teacher; Linda Moore, assistant.

Rev. Jarvis Underwood, Moderator
Howard Teem, Clerk

February 10, 1963

Mac Holland was granted a letter of dismission to join another church of same faith & order.

At the close of the service Mattie Jo Hurst & Narda Estes were accepted by the church for Baptism.

Claude Hurst came by letter from Cowee Baptist Church.

March 10, 1963

It was voted that the church order be recinded of replacing the present floor of the church with a concrete floor. A motion was made that the old floor be taken out and replaced with a new floor and start as soon as possible.

Mrs J.S. Cunningham was elected as Principal of Vacation Bible School.

June 16, 1963

Katherine Teem was elected as Beginner Teacher & Dorothy Bowers as assistant. Primaries, Bernice Teem & Johnsie Bridgeman assistant. Juniors, Marie Jennings & Ruth Brown, assistant. Intermediates, Fred Styles & Betty Teem, assistant.

Training Union Secretary, Wilma Jean Crisp. Carlos Crisp & Bobby Cook were elected as ushers.

July 14, 1963

It was voted to get rubber runners for the aisles of the church, nylon runners for the front of the church. The stained glass windows and doors were installed. They were bought by families of the church in memory of their loved ones. Those families being: Crisp, Teem, Tyler, McDowell, Higdon and Clark.

August 25, 1963

Linda Moore Moss was granted a letter of dismission to unite with Pine Creek Baptist Church.

October 13, 1963

The church voted to have an estimate made on roofing the church, brick veneering the outside and adding bathrooms. And, go ahead with the work if not beyond means of the church to pay.

Rev. J.S. Cunningham, Moderator
Howard Teem, Clerk

December 15, 1963

The estimate of the repairs to the church would be around $6,400.00.

March 22, 1964

At the close of the worship service, doors of the church were opened. Mr. & Mrs. Earl Holland came forward and was united with the church. A request for their letters was sent to Woodbine Baptist Church, Manassah, Va.

1964

Rev. Earl Dendy held a revival this year.

April 12, 1964

The church voted to have three tables made for use in the Primary and Junior Classes.

April 26, 1964

Marie Crisp Pope was granted a letter to join Seventh Ann Baptist Church in Gastonia, N.C.

May 10, 1964

It was voted to borrow money from one of the members to pay for finishing repairs of the church building.

Brother Earl Dendy was to be asked to help in a revival service beginning June 14.

It was voted to sell the old roofing off the church to Joseph O. McDowell for five dollars a square.

At close of service Bobby and Marvin Bolick came forward and were received for Baptism. Mrs. Willamae Estes came by statement.

June 7, 1964

Evening Service - Louise Crisp came forward and was received as candidate for Baptism.

June 14, 1964

At the close of the service, Charlie Moore came forward and was recieved as candidate for Baptism.

August 2, 1964

The value of the church property was changed from $10,000 to $15,000 due to repair that was done on building.

August 23, 1964

Linda Fox came as a candidate for baptism.

November 8, 1964

A letter of dismission was given to Wayles Arrowood Southards to unite with Longview Baptist Church.

March 14, 1965

The church voted unanimously to take a stand against alcohol beverages being voted into the county. Letters were sent to the Representatives & Senators of this district.

Alice Thompson came by letter from Pine Grove Baptist Church.

May 16, 1965

It was voted to authorize Pauline Thompson to order new flags and other supplies for Vacation Bible School. Also, voted to buy a vaccuum cleaner for the church.

June 13, 1965

Tommy Bridgeman was received as a candidate for Baptism.

June 20, 1965

The officers of the Sugarfork Church were elected as follows: Superintendent Howard Teem, assistant Herman Teem. Adult Men, Clyde Crisp & Tom Bryson. Adult Women, Irene Bryson & Beulah Cunningham. Young People, Jessie Crisp & Willis Teem. Intermediates, Mildred McDowell & Fred Stiles. Juniors, Marie Jennings & Ruth Brown. Primaries, Louise Dills & Bernice Teem. Beginners, Annie Mae Bailey & Pauline Thompson. Secretary, Lyle Estes. Pianist, Katherine Teem, Francis Cunningham & Francis Crisp. Song Leaders, Walter Fox & Howard Teem. Clerk, Howard Teem. Treasurer, Marie Jennings. Ushers, Carl Brown, Frank Crisp, James L. Teem and Jimmy Pennington.

July 11, 1965

It was voted to start a Singing School, Monday, July 12, 1965.

Sunday, August 1, 1965

The church voted to pay Hester Crisp $17.50 a month and pay Social Security on her.

The budget was voted, to pay Fred Crisp, $1.00 an hour, Hester Crisp $17.50 per month, $5.00 per month for missions, $5.00 per month for the Baptist Hospital, $5.00 to Macon Baptist Association, $5.00 for the orphanage and $5.00 Cooperative Program.

September 5, 1965

A Baptismal Service was held with the following members following Christ in Baptism: Wanda McDowell, Kathy McDowell, Nellie Owens, Gary Owens, Nelda Moses, Cindy Cook, Sherry Dills and Tommy Bridgeman.

Wanda Holland was granted a letter of dismission to unite with Plaza Baptist Church in Charlotte, N.C.

Rev. J.S. Cunningham, Moderator
Howard Teem, Clerk

January 6, 1966

It was voted to have one night-light installed in the parking area.

It was voted for the church to donate money to buy five Bibles for the Job Corp.

At the close of the service, James Morgan came forward and was received by letter from Watauga Baptist Church.

March 13, 1966

It was voted by the church to buy three acres of land adjoining the cemetary, the cost being $1,000 dollars.

The church voted to have an ordination of deacons, the fourth Sunday evening in March; Fred Stiles, Carl Brown and Howard Teem to be ordained.

Eddie Fox was elected as Sunday School Secretary.

March 27, 1966

The men who had been set aside to be ordained as deacons were: Fred Stiles, Carl Brown and Howard Teem.They told of their conversion experience and were questioned concerning their belief in the Bible. Rev. Earl Dendy brought the message and the charge to the ones ordained followed by laying on of hands by other Pastor's present & other deacons & the three men were received to serve as deacons of Sugarfork Baptist Church.

June 12, 1966

Becky Holland, Debbie Teem and Betty Cook came forward & accepted Christ as their Saviour & were received as candidates for Baptism.

June 19, 1966

The following were elected to serve as officers in the church. Superintendent, Willis Teem. Adult Men, Clyde Crisp. Young People, Howard Teem & Willis Teem. Intermediates, Marie Jennings & Annie Mae Bailey. Junior Girls, Ruth Brown. Junior Boys, Carl Brown. Primaries, Louise Dills & Bernice Teem. Beginners, Pauline Thompson & Dorothy Bowers. Nursery, Louise Crisp & Margaret Holland. Secretary, Eddie Fox & Bobby J. Houston. Ushers, Carl Brown, Earl Holland, James Morgan & Frank Crisp. Song Leaders, Walter Fox & Bobby J. Houston. Treasurer, Marie Jennings. Pianist, Katherine Teem & Francis Cunningham.

July 10, 1966

Fred Crisp was given a raise from $1.00 to $1.25 per hour for cemetary work.

August 7, 1966

It was voted to give the Visiting Evangelist $100.00 a week. Voted to raise pastor's salary to $35.00 per week and also pay him $100.00 for the revival week.

August 21, 1966

The value of the church property was raised from $15,000 to $16,000 due to additional land being bought.

August 28, 1966

After an invitation was given at the close of the Morning Service. Michael Dills & Juanita Teem came forward and accepted Christ as their Saviour. John Cook, Michael Dills & Juanita were received as candidates for Baptism.

In the afternoon a Baptismal service was held

with John Cook, Micheal Dills, Juanita Teem Debbie Teem, Becky Holland & Betty Cook following Christ in Baptism.

September 11, 1966

Mrs. Irada Gibson came by statement & was united with the church. Fannie Arnold came by letter from Pine Grove Baptist Church.

November 3, 1966

A motion was made that a new piano be purchased by the church. It was agreed that the old piano, donated by Mrs. Pearl Corbin, be kept by the church.

A committee consisting of Catherine Teem, Louise Dills, Francis Crisp, Pauline Thompson, Francis Cunningham, & Beulah Cunningham were selected to carry out the purchase of the new piano.

The records of the church were to be microfilmed at the county courthouse, being a free service.

February 12, 1967

The church voted opposition to the bills that were being brought up before the assembly to allow liquor to be sold by the drink or to allow brown bagging in the State. Letters were to be written to our Representatives.

An offering was to be taken the fourth Sunday for a family on Walnut Creek whose house burned.

March 19, 1967

A motion was made that the tract of land adjoining the cemetary be cleaned up as much as possible by a man with a tractor & bush-hog.

May 14, 1967

It was suggested that the deacons look into having the road black topped to the church.

May 21, 1967

It was voted to increase the money given to association missions from sixty to eighty dollars per year.

June 11, 1967

It was voted by the church to have a man come and give us an estimate on what new benches would cost.

July 9, 1967

Letters were granted to Mr. & Mrs. Charles Bridgeman, Brenda & Tommy to unite with Emmanual Baptist Church in Pontiac, Michigan.

The church voted to go ahead with the purchase of the new benches. Mrs Amy Deal said she would donate $10.00 on the benches for each child that attended church here that she had taught in the first grade at school.

Nancy Holland & Micheal Teem were accepted as candidates for Baptism.

Monday, July 10, 1967

Jimmy & Johnny Teem were received as candidates for Baptism at the close of the service.

July 30, 1967

The church voted to raise Pastor's salary from $35 per week to $50.

Howard Teem, Moderator
Dewitt Thompson, Clerk

Wednesday, August 9, 1967

Herman Teem was asked to contact someone to refinish the floors before delivery of new benches.

September 6, 1967

Marie Jennings said she had contacted Henry Sprinkles about bricking the front of the Sunday School rooms.

The church set a price of $10.00 each for the old pews but later we accepted $300 for the 34 old church pews.

December 20, 1967

It was decided to wait until Sunday morning to bring up the question of giving more money for the Angel Community Hospital (Franklin).

February 7, 1968

It was suggested that shrubbery be set out and grass sown in front of the church that has the new brick on it.

A motion was made to contact someone of the cost of graveling the parking lot.

The church voted to give our Pastor $50 toward his expenses to Greensboro to State Convention.

The church voted to have cabinets or shelves built to store church books and records in.

March 6, 1968

The church voted to accept the low bid of $345.98 from Franklin Construction Company for the grading and graveling of church parking lot.

Wednesday, May 8, 1968

A motion was made to study the possibilities of adding Sunday School rooms about the present ones.

June 5, 1968

A motion carried to increase the amount to Home Missions to $10 per month.

July 28, 1968

Church voted to offer to pay a half-time Pastor $35 per week.

Church voted to buy some new church hymnals.

October 29, 1968

A letter of transfer was granted Janice Thompson Henry to Tuckasegee Baptist Church.

1968

Three moved their letter from another church to join Sugarfork Baptist Church.

June 12, 1969

Sherry and Jimmy Houston came as candidates for baptism — also Janet Henry, Sylvia Teem, Ruth and Fay Fox.

June 29, 1969

The following officers were elected for the coming year. Superintendent Howard Teem, Alex Deal Assistant; Adult Men Clyde Crisp, Earl Holland; Adult Ladies Mrs. Amy Deal, Lillie Raby; Young People, Willis Teem, Joe White Assistant; Intermediate, Marie Jennings, Pauline Henry Assistant; Junior Boys, Dewitt Thompson, Bobby J. Houston; Junior Girls, Pauline Thomspon, Carolyn Cagle Assistant; Primaries, Betty Teem, Bernice Teem Assistant; Beginners, Sue Cook, Ann Bailey Assistant; Harold Crisp, Secretary; Pianist Katherine Teem, Betty Teem Assistant; Song Leader Walter Fox, Assistant Bobby Houston; Ushers — Billy Hurst, Michael Teem, Bruce Fox, Jimmy Teem.

A vote to raise Pastor's salary from $35 to $50 per week. Fred Crisp's salary from $1.50 per hour to $1.75.

A vote of confidence was taken for the Pastor Rev. Jim Crayton.

September 6, 1969

Johnny Hurst came and accepted Christ.

September 28, 1969

Eddie Ledford and Ricky Hurst came forward and accepted Christ.

October 26, 1969

Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Ledford came from Ridgecrest Baptist Church and united with Sugarfork.

Conley Wiggins came from Wells Grove and united with Sugarfork.

1969

Nine joined by baptism and nine joined the church by letter.

April 26, 1970

A report was made by the building committee on an addition to the church they recommended. It would be 20 x 50 feet. This would be a two-level construction. The upper level consisting of four finished Sunday School rooms. The lower level having a concrete floor. Their estimate of cost would be $8,000. The church also voted to gravel a road and prepare a place on the church property for our Pastor Rev. James Crayton to park his trailer.

Rev. James Crayton Moderator

June 28, 1970

The church voted to appoint a committee of three for the purpose to inform the church of any needs of the members not already known, such as flowers for those who are sick or bereaved. Committee Katherine Teem, Pauline Thompson, Marie Jennings.

August 16, 1970

Mark and Scotty Jennings came as candidates for baptism. Immediately after service the church gathered at the river and they were baptised into full fellowship of the church.

October 25, 1970

The church voted to pay the visiting preachers $75 each for their efforts in a revival — our Pastor also included in this, also they voted to have the Pastor's trailer moved onto the place prepared for it.

December 27, 1970

The church voted to have the well at the trailer site dug deeper if possible, also to pay for repairs on the Pastor's car and raise the Pastor's salary from $50 to $75 per week.

Rev. Jim Crayton Moderator

1970

These joined the church by baptism. Eddie Ledford, Mark and Scott Jennings, Billy, Ricky and Johnny Hurst. Two joined by letter.

January 24, 1971

The church voted to buy a 12-foot step ladder, also to raise the janitor's salary from $17 to $25 per month.

February 10, 1971

Brother Wiley Henry was received into the fellowship after coming by letter from Bethel Baptist Church, Spring Lake, North Carolina. Terry Moses came as a candidate for baptism.

February 28, 1971

Church voted to buy $40,000 worth of fire insurance on the church building.

April 18, 1971

A letter was granted Willie Mae Earley Gregory to Grove Baptist Church in Goldview, Virginia.

The church voted to accept a low bid of $8,500 for the construction of Sunday School rooms. The bid was submitted by Branson Barrett.

June 27, 1971

The church voted to pay the hook-up fee to the Pastor's trailer site.

July 11, 1971

At two o'clock the church gathered at the Riverside and Terry Moses and Ellen Hurst were baptised.

November 14, 1971

At the close of the worship service Roger Holland came as a candidate for baptism.

February 13, 1972

The church voted to accept an offer by Joe McDowell to grade and gravel a road through the cemetery. The church voted to pay for the gravel.

March 1972

Mrs. Lacy Gregory came forward to unite with Sugarfork Church. She came under the watch care of the church until her letter could be obtained from Pine Grove Baptist Church.

April 23, 1972

The church voted to buy another tray and glasses for use during The Lord's Supper, so that all three rows of pews could be served at the same time.

Rev. James Crayton, Moderator
Dewitt Thompson, Clerk

May 21, 1972

The church voted to send a ten dollar donation to the Baptist Children's Home as a memorial to Rev. Jarvis Underwood who was one of our former pastors.

August 27, 1972

Church voted to go ahead with the painting of the church building.

November 26, 1972

Church voted to buy two dozen new red back church hymnals.

December 24, 1972

The church voted to have the area below the church graveled for parking purposes. A committee was appointed to study the problem, Alex Deal, Clinton Ledford, Dewitt Thompson

February 25, 1973

Marie Jennings reported that Wiley Clark had given $500 toward the expense of grading the road through the cemetery. Church voted to raise Wilma Jean Crisp $10 a month and pay her Social Security for cleaning and care of the church.

March 25, 1973

Marie Jennings reported a new vacuum cleaner had been purchased for the church.

Fred Crisp informed the church he was no longer able to keep up the cemetery work. Each member was urged to try to find someone to take over this work. Fred did a grand job on caring for the cemetery.

The church voted to pay the Pastor's power bill

May 20, 1973

The church began a series of Revival Meetings with Rev. Alton Dendy being the visiting Minister. Several came forward to re-dedicate their lives. On May 24, Larry Estes came on a profession of faith. May 25 Chris Estes came and accepted Christ. May 26 Doyle Fox and Jimmy Crayton accepted Christ.

May 3, 1973

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Dendy and daughter Reva came from Goldmine Baptist Church uniting with Sugarfork Baptist Church.

1973

Rev. Alton Dendy held a Revival this year.

June 10, 1973

Those young people who were saved during the Vacation Bible School came forward requesting to be baptised and to join the church, Marty Bolick, Sherry Holland and Ronnie Holland.

June 24, 1973

The church held a baptismal service Sunday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. The following were baptised, Homer Holland, Larry Estes, Gray Frady, Vivian White, Cherly White, Ronnie Holland, Jimmy Crayton, Marty Bolick, Doyle Fox, Chris Estes, Kathy and Karla Bolick.

The church voted to license Brother Phil Frady to preach, also to recommend him for admittance to Fruitland Bible Institute.

August 19, 1973

As the invitation was given at the close of the worship service, Paul Jennings came on a statement of faith desiring to be baptised and join the church. At 3:30 Sunday afternoon, Virginia Teem, Anita Teem and Paul Jennings were baptised by the Pastor Rev. Jim Crayton.

August 25, 1973

Some discussion was held on the parking lot situation, Wiley Henry offered to do the grading work with the church paying for the gravel to enlarge the lower parking lot as much as possible.

November 24, 1973

After hearing the treasurer Marie Jennings explain about the annuties program, the church voted to have our Pastor, Brother Crayton, enrolled at an annual cost of $400 per year.

Harold Crisp, Rev. Jim Crayton, Louise Crisp and Ernest Dendy were recognized as having made and erected the new church sign at the bottom of hill.

December 2, 1973

At close of worship service the invitation was given and Wiley Bowers came and accepted Christ and he was accepted as a candidate for baptism.

December 30, 1973

It was reported the Lottie Moon Christmas offering was $148.35. The church added from the treasury to make it $200. The church gave the pastor $50 and the custodian $25 for Christmas.

1973

Seventeen were baptised into the followship of the church and three joined by letter.

January 6, 1974

Keith and Wanda Holland came by letter to unite with the church from Northside Baptist Church in Charlotte, North Carolina.

January 27, 1974

The church voted to accept the recommendations of the budget committee: increase Pastor's salary by $500 per year (from $3,900 to $4,400. Macon Baptist Association from $10 to $15 per month, Baptist State Convention Cooperative Program items Foreign Missions $10, Baptist Hospital $10 per month.

February 3, 1974

Jeffery gregory came forward to unite with the church.

February 17, 1974

Wilma Roach McCall came by letter from Wolffork Baptist Church, Rabun Gap, Georgia to unite with our church.

February 24, 1974

The church voted to release any rights or agreements that it might have had with Brother Fred Crisp concerning the water for the church, which came from a well on his property, as the church no longer uses this well.

1974

Rev. Mack Holland held a Revival this year.

March 24, 1974

The church voted to buy fertilizer for the cemetery. The following Saturday at one o'clock was set as a date to gather and apply it.

Saturday night, April 14, 1974

Sugarfork Church held its Spring Revival with Brother Max Holland the visiting evangelist. Four young people came and accepted Christ and on Friday night came as candidates for baptism, Beverly Crisp, Marilyn Dendy, Richard and Peggy Holland.

Sunday night the church voted to purchase a new lawn mower.

Sunday, April 15, 1974

Coming by letter from Pine Grove Baptist Church were Andrew Gregory and Carolyn Bowers West. By a letter from Oak Grove was Jackie West.

April 28, 1974

The following members were asked to serve on a committee to look into possibility of raising money for a trust fund for upkeep of cemetery. Those named on committee — Alex Deal, Ernest Dendy, Walter Fox, Harold Crisp, Earl Holland and Marie Jennings.

The church voted to buy new song books for the youth choir.

Conrad Henry has offered to deed to the church 30 or 40 more feet of land to be used for the cemetery.

May 5, 1974

Melissa Hedden accepted Christ requesting baptism and after baptism to join the church.

Willamae Gregory came by letter to unite with the church from Grove Baptist Church, Goldview, Virginia.

May 19, 1974

Marie Jennings reported the total amount raised for the storm victims in Graham County was $203.09.

The church voted to set up a temporary trust fund for money that is collected for the cemetery.

Also voted to call the Pastor full-time and raise his salary to $125 per week.

Joe McDowell offered to clear the rest of the cemetery and the ground above the Pastor's trailer if the church would cut the trees and brush and buy lime, fertilizer and seed.

July 29, 1974

These items were voted on by the church. Pour new front steps, purchase a new door for the rear of the church, fix two more Sunday School rooms downstairs.

September 22, 1974

The church voted to accept Harold Crisp and John Cook as deacons.

To purchase three new floor furnaces for the auditorium, the old ones considered dangerous.

To purchase a speaker system for the nursery.

Rev. Jim Crayton Moderator
Dewitt Thompson C.C.

November 10, 1974

Sunday afternoon John Cook and Harold Crisp were ordained as deacons — Rev. Alton Dendy brought the ordination message, his scripture passage was from 2nd Timothy.

December 8, 1974

A letter of transfer was granted to Doris Simmons to join Bonnie Doone Baptist Church, Fayettesville, North Carolina.

January 26, 1975

The perpetual care fund of the cemetery was approved by the church. A price of $100.00 per grave should be charged to go into the perpetual care fund.

The church voted to buy new carpet for the floor. Decided on red carpet from the Discount Carpet Sales at a cost of $588.58. Decided also to carpet the stage, total cost $723.45.

Workings were set to clean seats and floors beginning next Saturday.

February 16, 1975

At close of worship service Bruce Ledford accepted Christ requesting baptism and to join the church.

February 24, 1975

The church voted to appoint Pauline and Annette Thompson to assist treasurer in keeping cemetery records. Voted also to raise Fred Crisp from 2:25 to $2.75 per hour for cemetery work.

April 27, 1975

Clyde and Sue Wiggins united with the church from Cartoogechaye Baptist Church.

June 28, 1975

Richie Gibson, Brian and Kevin Holland having been saved in Bible School came forward and requested baptism and to join the church.

June 28, 1975

This list of officers and teachers were accepted by the church. Clerk Dewitt Thompson, Treasurer Marie Jennings, Assistant Pauline Thompson; Choir Director Walter Fox, Assistant Clinton Ledford, Andrew Gregory; Pianist Betty Teem, Assistant Martha Fox, Fay Fox; Youth Choir Wanda Holland, Gloria Crayton; Superindent Alex Deal, Assistant Harold Crisp; Secretary John Cook, Assistant Louise Crisp; Adult Men Earl Holland, Clyde Crisp; Adult Women Amy Deal, Pauline Thompson; Young Married, Mrs. Patricia Murphy, Clinton Ledford; Young People, Clinton Ledford, Frankie Bowers; Intermediate Marie Jennings, Louise Ledford; Junior Boys Ernest Dendy, Dewitt Thompson; Junior Girls
Pauline Henry, Margaret Holland; Primaries, Wanda Holland, Nelda Moses, Carol Hedden; Beginners Sue Cook, Gloria Crayton; Nursery Carolyn West, Joyce Bowers, Carolyn Waller.

August 24, 1975

A discussion was held on the possibility of lowering the ceiling over the stage area and installing curtains.

August 24, 1975

Vote was to proceed with the plans estimated cost was $1,500.

November 16, 1975

Cecil Holland came by letter from Pine Grove Baptist Church to unite with Sugarfork.

December 7, 1975

The church was called to order to hear information about new pews for the choir section.

1975

Five joined by baptism and eight by letter.

January 25, 1976

Karen Moore was granted a letter to join the Cowee Baptist Church.

The church voted to give the pastor $75 to help with his expenses to Asheville Evangelistic Conference.

On a motion by Earl Holland the church voted to build bannisters on each side of the stage in front of choir section. Decision was made to buy 33 chairs rather than pews for the choir as the pews would take up too much space.

February 15, 1976

Frank B. Alexander came as a candidate for baptism.

March 7, 1976

Neville, Mary, Sherry and Eugene Owens came by letter from Goldmine Baptist Church to unite with Sugarfork.

March 28, 1976

The church voted to use Brother Neville Owens as a deacon as recommended by the Goldmine Church.

The church voted to give $100 toward the purchase of a new pick-up truck to be used by missionaries in Hondurus. Also voted to give the fifth Sunday offerings for the coming year to help build a home for the aged near Asheville.

April 4, 1976

Bruce and Christine Dore came on a statement of faith requesting to be baptised and to join the church.

1976

Rev. Lester Crayton held a Revival this year.

April 25, 1976

The church voted to have Astro Turf put on the front steps, also to raise Pastor's salary by $25 per week.

May 2, 1976

Joey Morgan, Becky Bryson and Linda Cook came as candidates for baptism, Frankie Bowers by letter from Zion Hill Baptist Church, Sylva, North Carolina.

June 13, 1976

Pam Estes and Ricky Potts came requestinag baptism and to join the church. Eldon and Hattie Mae Potts came by letter from Wells Grove Baptist Church to unite with Sugarfork.

June 27, 1976

The church voted to raise the janitor's salary to $50 per month; and also to buy one new tray and two linen cloths to use in Communion Service.

June 27, 1976

The following were baptised Sunday afternoon: Woodrow Holland, Bruce and Christine Dore, Frank Alexander, Becky Bryson, Linda Cook, Joey Morgan, Ricky Potts, Pam Estes, Keith Huscusson.

July 18, 1976

Missionaries Chaco Mani and wife from India visited our church and he gave the message from Scripture Romans 10-1. He told about the great needs of India and from that time Sugarfork Baptist Church has supported his ministry by contributing financially.

July 25, 1976

On motion it was voted to ask everyone who uses the church for any occasion to leave it clean and in order, as for weddings or fellowship suppers, etc.

August 25, 1976

The church voted to make the following changes and improvements. Move the men's rest room to the basement, panel the old Sunday School rooms, replace folding doors between Ladies Adult and Intermediate classes with solid door and make a door into the hall from Ladies Adult room, finish overhead of basement and install floor covering and buy new seats or chairs for rooms that needed them.

September 12, 1976

They accepted Barnett Gladwell's estimate of $4,400 for the proposed work.

September 26, 1976

The church voted to send Chaco Mani Missionary in India, $10 a month to help him in his ministry, also voted to give Brother Jim Crayton our Pastor $300 for the first quarter to help with his expenses to attend Fruitland.

November 28, 1976

Church in conference, voted to give an additional $25 toward finishing paying for the truck for missionaries in Hondurus.

The church voted to give the old curtains and frames used for the stage to the Black Mountain Baptist Church.

1976

Joining the church by baptism were: Frank Alexander, Woodrow Holland, Keith Huscusson, Joey Morgan, Ricky Potts, Pam Estes, Linda Cook, Francis Dills, Kenneth Cook, Becky Bryson, Bruce and Christine Dore, Boyd and Revena Holland.

Joining by letter were: Eldon and Hattie Mae Potts, Frankie Bowers, Neville, Mary, Sherry, Neil Owens, Vicki Holland Sanders.

January 2, 1977

The church voted to put carpet and hat racks in the room that was formerly men's rest room.

February 27, 1977

Doug and Pat Thompson came forward, Doug by letter from Ridgecrest and Pat on a statement of faith requesting baptism.

Sunday, March 27, 1977

Robert Estes came forward and accepted Christ as his personal Saviour. April 3, Jamie Estes came forward and accepted Christ.

April 10, 1977

Kim Thompson came forward and accepted Christ as her Savior. April 17 Carol Crayton and

Valerie Bowers. April 24, Vicky Crisp.

July 24, 1977

The church voted to have the outside trim of the building painted, blocks waterproofed, and purchase two aluminum awnings to cover the basement doors.

July 31, 1977

Rev. Jim Crayton announced his resignation.

September 11, 1977

Angela Hedden came forward and accepted Christ as her Saviour. Tom Bailey came forward on a statement of faith requesting baptism and to join the church.

October 23, 1977

The following persons volunteered to be responsible for the Christmas Program, Wanda Holland, Betty Teem, Carolyn Waller, Homer Morgan.

January 22, 1977

Dr. Horn resigned as Interim Pastor effective today. The pulpit recommended Brother Grey Fisher, recommending he be paid $150 per week salary and $50 per week, housing expense.

February 26, 1977

The church voted to use the downstair Sunday School room as a Pastor's study. Also voted to start a building fund toward the construction of a parsonage.

March 26, 1977

A building committee was to be selected by the Pastor to study and make recommendations to the church concerning the proposed parsonage. Harold Crisp, Neville Owens, Earl Holland and Jackie West named to serve on this committee.

The church voted to buy a desk and chair for the Pastor's study.

Rev. Grey Fisher Moderator
Dewitt Thompson, Clerk

April 9, 1977

Marsha Coggins came by letter from Old Savannah Baptist Church, Jackson County. Jesse Coggins came requesting baptism after accepting Christ as his Saviour.

April 23, 1978

The church voted to accept the floor plan the committee presented for the parsonage. Estimated cost without brick for the outside $18,000. With brick, $25,000. A motion was made to go ahead and brick the parsonage when it is built. The fourth Sunday offering is to be for the building fund each month.

A baptism was held in the afternoon, the following were baptised: Jesse Coggins, Danny Teem, Tony Bryson, Toya Trammel and Janet McCall.

June 25, 1978

On a motion by Harold Crisp the church voted to build a church sign at the foot of the hill, and put a directional sign down on the main highway.

July 23, 1978

After some discussion the church voted to purchase a P.A. system for the auditorium from Curtis Electric Company as described by Clinton Ledford for $500.

August 13, 1978

Mary Ann and Becky Thompson came by letter from Gateway Baptist Church of Miami, Florida.

The following were baptised in the afternoon by Brother Grey Fisher. Heather Thompson, Teresa Moses, Dickie McCall and Jeffery Bryson.

September 24, 1978

The church voted to drill a new well for the church when the funds are available

October 8, 1978

The pastor baptised into full followship the following, Jerry West, Linda Bowers, and Bill Stahl.

November 26, 1978

The following members were named to serve on the budget committee for the following year: Harold Crisp, Clinton Ledford, Wanda Holland, Annette Thompson. It was voted to give the county missionary and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Frady, $25 as a Christmas present.

December 17, 1978

Sandra Mashburn Teem came by letter from Walnut Creek Baptist Church and Bob Thompson from Gateway Baptist Church of Miami, Florida.

January 28, 1979

It was voted to get a baby bed for the nursery and also, to give our pastor $100.00 for expenses to the Evangelistic Conference in Fayettville, N.C.

Sunday, March 25, 1979

On motion by Wanda Holland, the church voted to buy the literature for the Women's Missionary Society and also buy fire insurance for the parsonage.

April 29, 1979

The church voted to buy new chairs for nursery & beginners classes.

1979

Rev. Daniel Wheitstein held a revival this year.

Wednesday, May 9, 1979

It was voted to support the World Mission Conference of 1980. To do this, the church would be responsible for a missionary that would be sent.

June 24, 1979

The church voted to give the old chairs from the nursery & beginners class rooms to Ellijay Baptist Church.

July, 1979

Voted to buy a new Electrolux vacuum cleaner for $445.00. Paint beginners room and buy a bulletin board.

August 19, 1979

Darrell Womack came on a statement of faith and was accepted into the fellowship.

September 23, 1979

Mrs. Ethel Ramsey Holland came by letter from Tellico Baptist Church to unite with Sugarfork.

October 21, 1979

At 2:00 p.m. the pastor, Brother Grey Fisher, baptized the following: Ted Meirer, Morris Bryson, Jimmy Teem and Stacy Dendy.

October 27, 1979

The church voted to set aside Jackie West & Bobby Bolick to be ordained as deacons.

Pat Fisher and Darryl Womack were to be in charge of the Christmas play.

November 25, 1979

Voted to have pilot lights with automatic shut off valves installed on the heaters that do not already have them. Also, for the trustees of the cemetary to study the possibility of changes in the price of burying sites for non-members of the church. Also, the church voted to give brother Neville Owens a nice Bible at his ordination.

The church voted regretfully to accept the resignation of our pastor Brother Grey Fisher, effective December 23, 1979.

December 2, 1979

Ordination services were held for brother Neville Owens with charges to the church brought by brother Alton Dendy and charges to candidate by brother Grey Fisher. Special music by Shortoff Youth Choir. Those taking part in this ordination service were: Cliff Cook, Rev. Earl Dendy, Rev. Bill Shields, Rev. Jim Crayton, Harold Crisp, Marshall Fouts, Clinton Ledford, Steve Styles, Bob Thompson, Freeman Buchanan, Martin Crow, Waymond Lunsford, Harris Elmore, Bill Lowe, Gene Hawkins, Grey Fisher, Alton Dendy & Elden Owens. Presentation of Bible from the church by Harold Crisp.

January 6, 1980

Brother Steve Reeves was called and voted on to be our pastor. Deciding his salary would be $150.00 per week.

January 13, 1980

The pastor, Brother Steve Reeves, Debbie & Steven came to unite with the church from Cartoogechaye Baptist Church.

January 20, 1980
Donald George came by letter from Oak Grove Baptist Church to unite with Sugarfork.

January 27, 1980
The church voted to give $100.00 to the County Missionary Fund to help pay for a stove for the Macon Baptist Association Home.

March 23, 1980
Church voted to pay our pastor's radio ministry and also, Jackie West was authorized to install a sink in the basement.

March 23, 1980
The church voted authorization to brother Wiley Henry to proceed with lowering and widening the parking lot in front of the parsonage.

April 27, 1980
Louise Womack came by letter from Liberty Baptist Church to unite with Sugarfork.
Sunday night the church voted to buy a record player for use by the children of the church.
Rev. Steeve Reeves, Moderator

June 29, 1980
Ordination services were held for Bobby Bolick and Jackie West as deacons with charge to the deacons by Brother Grey Fisher. Ordination prayer by Brother Steeve Reeves.
The charge to the church by Rev. Jim Crayton. Those participating in the services were: Rev. Steve Reeves, Rev Grey Fisher, Rev. Jim Crayton, John Cook, Clinton Ledford, Bob Thompson and Harold Crisp.

Sunday Afternoon, July 6, 1980
Brother Steve Reeves baptized into full fellowship of the church the following: Kim Pruitt, Macquita Bryson, Keith Cook, Paul Gregory, Edward Gregory and Danny Clubb.

August 27, 1980
The church voted to contribute $150.00 to the Macon Baptist Association to help build a new church building in West Virginia.

October 26, 1980
On a motion the church voted to bring food on Wednesday night before Thanksgiving to be given to the needy families. The church also voted to authorize the building committee to have insulation installed overhead in the auditorium and adjoining rooms.
Rev. Steve Reeves, Moderator
Dewitt Thompson, Clerk

November 9, 1980
Tommy and Carmella Pruitt came forward to unite with the church. Carmella on statement having already been baptized, Tommy on profession of faith requesting baptism.

December 14, 1980
The church voted to spend $200.00 on the Kibey Henry family for Christmas and also to send Brother Chaco Mani $120.00 to help in his missionary work in India.

January 25, 1981
Jim & Doris Simmons came to unite with this church from Franklin First Baptist.
Sunday night, the church voted to carpet all the remaining Sunday School Class Rooms. Also, to participate in the associational effort to raise food for the home for the aged.

February 22, 1981
The church accepted recommendations of the building committee to paint walls and ceilings in the auditorium, and, walls in the hallway, put coat racks in the back of the auditorium and build a roof over the front entrance.
The church also voted to purchase fire proof safes for the keeping of church books and records.

March 8, 1981
Eddie and Marilyn Holland came by letter from the First Baptist Church in Naples, Florida.

April 12, 1981
Teresa Simmons came by letter from the First Baptist in Franklin.

April 26, 1981
Coming by letter from Prentiss Baptist Church was Mrs. Annie Triplett.
The church voted to give $200.00 to the Macon Baptist Association to help build another

church in West Virginia.

July 19, 1981

Sunday afternoon — The following were baptized by Pastor Rev. Steve Reeves into full fellowship with the church: Connie Talley, Jane Guest, Avery Fox, Gae Andrews, Tom Andrews, Jack L. Womack, Tom Pruitt Sr., Mandy Bryson and Frank Pangle.

September 27, 1981

The vote carried to have the parking lot paved at a bid of $13,000.00 from Macon Paving Co. of Franklin.

November 1, 1981

A baptismal service was held with our pastor, Rev. Steve Reeves baptizing the following: Gail Guest, Tammy Bowers, Rhonda Simmons, Huey Holland and Billy Bryson.

Coming by letters from the First Baptist Church was Randy Simmons.

November 15, 1981

Coming by letter from North Palm Baptist Church in Hialeah, Florida were Louise, Patricia, Donald, Tony and Julie Capaforte.

November 22, 1981

Coming by letter from the Franklin First Baptist Church were Bruce, Sue, Barry and Marna Bryson.

The church in conference voted to have the parking spaces lined off in the parking lot and pay off the remaining debt owed on the lot. Also, to install two paddle fans in the auditorium & buy shrubbery to landscape around the parsonage.

Rev. Steve Reeves, Moderator
Dewitt Thompson, Clerk

January 25, 1982

The church voted to give Brother Steve Reeves two weeks leave for a missionary trip to Korea and also pay at the time of his departure any remaining part of his expenses for the trip.

February 14, 1982

Mrs. Virginia Bryson came by letter from the First Baptist Church of Franklin after doors of the chruch were opened for reception of new members.

Febuary 28, 1982

The church voted to build new cabinets for storage of materials used by the church for special occasions.

March 28, 1982

The church gave its approval for the youth of the church to have the 5th Sunday Radio Ministry on the radio station WLTM, and the church voted to pay for the time.

May 2, 1982

The doors of the church were opened by the pastor, coming by letter form the First Baptist Church of Franklin was Freda Ledford Teem and Cecilia Hopkins Teem from Longview Baptist Church.

At 2:00 p.m. a baptismal service was held with the pastor Rev. Steve Reeves baptizing the following: Ginny Reeves, Heidi Andrews, Bonnie Holland, Christy Coggins, Marcie Bryson, Sharon Welch, Joe Welch, David Welch and Ricky Teem.

May 16, 1982

Coming by letter from Pine Grove Baptist Church were Don and Sandy Jones to unite with this church.

1982

Rev. Jud Duvall held a revival this year.

June 6, 1982

Coming by letter from Lovelady Baptist Church of Granite Falls, N.C. was Ron Story.

The church voted to buy a telephone answering service for the parsonage and to pay all expenses which would be $195.00 plus $12.50 per month.

June 27, 1982

Building committee recommended area in front of the basement and lower road to be paved, the price being quoted as $5,474.75. Project approved.

July 25, 1982

The church voted to give $100.00 toward buying a lawn mower for Camp Truett.

September 26, 1982

At the close of the worship service the invitation was given by the pastor, and Darryl Womack came forward and announced his calling to preach the gospel. The church voted to license Darryl.

Also, the church voted to give $100.00 toward the purchase of a new lawn mower for Macon Baptist Association. Also voted to pay pastor's expenses to the state convention and to purchase 10 new chairs for the church.

October 17, 1982

Fern Buchanan came by letter from Mt. Hope Baptist Church to unite with this church.

October 24, 1982

The church voted to pursue the idea of carpeting the whole church and padding the pews.

Betty Teem was authorized to purchase new curtains for the basement.

November 28, 1982

On motion by Donald George and seconded by Doris Simmons the church voted to give $100.00 to the Macon Emergency Council.

December 26, 1982

The music department was authorized to look into the matter of buying an organ, as to what would be best suited for our needs and about the cost. Also, receive and be responsible for donations given for this cause. (Organ was bought and paid for)

January 23, 1983

The Deacon Board recommendations to the church concerning the cemetary was accepted by the church, raise the price from $100.00 to $200.00 per grave site and give the trustees authority to control the area to be used and to pay fees before grave is dug. Also, they could deny burial to anyone not having family ties already.

January 30, 1982

Ordination services for Darryl Womack, the charge to the candidate was by Rev. Ray Fox, pastor of Mt. Carmel Baptist Church of Bryson City. Ordination prayer by Rev. Earl Dendy. Charge to the church, Rev. Alton Dendy. Rev. Steve Reeves presented Darryl a bible from Sugarfork Baptist Church.

May 22, 1983

The church voted to present the graduation seniors from the church a Bible & Pauline Henry was selected to purchase them for the church. (And, we continue to honor our graduates.)

The church voted to have the communion table & piano tops refinished and to put glass on the top to protect them.

June 5, 1983

Mrs. Murle Myers came by letter to join this church from South Side Baptist Church in Gainesville, Florida.

June 19, 1983

Goodlow and Becky Bowman and Dawn J. Teem came by letter to unite with Sugarfork Church.

Sunday afternoon, June 26, 1983

At 2:00 p.m. the following were baptized into the full fellowship with the church after accepting Christ; Kevin McCall, Jason Holland and Lance Dockery.

August 28, 1983

It was approved to buy ceiling fans for the Sunday School rooms.

September 25, 1983

The church voted to put a new roof on the main structure of the building.

Our pastor was elected as a delegate to the State Convention.

Jana Cruse was baptized by the pastor in the afternoon into the full fellowship with the church.

October 23, 1983

David and Janice McClure came by letter from Pine Grove Baptist Church.

It was voted to pay pastor's expenses to the State Convention and also to purchase a fireplace insert for the Hawthorne Home.

January 1, 1984

Pauline Henry, Chairman of the Stewardship

Committee asked the church to consider contributing to the Transit Fund of the Macon Ministral Association and the church voted to contribute $500.00 to this fund.

January 22, 1984

The church voted to pay pastor's expenses to Greensboro to the State Evangelism Conference,

January 29, 1984

Coming as candidate for baptism after professing Christ as their Saviour were Gail Crisp and Dorcie Jennings. At 2:30 p.m. they were baptized by the pastor.

February 26, 1984

The church voted to start a Tape Ministry for the shut-ins and those unable to attend church. Approximate cost of equipment to start ministry is $400.00.

May 13, 1984

The church gathered at the rivers edge for a Baptismal Service. Those baptized were: Michael McClure and Jeana Capaforte.

July 29, 1984

At 2:30 p.m. a Baptismal Service was held. Those being baptized were Julie Fox, Carrie Ann Jennings and Jennifer Seay.

August 12, 1984

Coming by letter from Pine Creek Baptist Church were Dawn Cook.

August 19, 1984

Linda Cook was baptized and joined the church.

August 26, 1984

The church approved the recommendations of the Stewardship Committee that the church give $5,000.00 to the Moody Farm Industries, $1,000 to Danny Callis Missionary to Brazil and $1,000 to Mary Clark, Missionary to Africa.

A motion was carried to replace the benevolance fund with love offerings.

September 9, 1984

Edith Cook came by letter from Pine Creek Baptist Church to unite with Sugarfork Baptist.

At 1:30 p.m. Eric Jackson was baptized into the full fellowship with the church.

September 16. 1984

Coming as candidate for baptism were Billy Pruitt, Annetta Pendergrass and Angela Pennington. By letter, David Pendergrass from Burningtown Baptist Church and Brenda Pendergrass from Pine Creek Baptist Church.

September 23, 1984

A motion was approved to pay Brother Steve Reeves, Don Jones and Jackie West's expenses to The Baptist State Convention in Asheville.

October 7, 1984

Sunday afternoon the church gathered at the regular place for a Baptismal Service. Billy Pruitt and Douglas Simmons were baptized.

October 28, 1984

On a motion by Bob Thompson and seconded by Clinton Ledford, Don & Jeana Capaforte were elected as teachers for the Middle Class in Training Union.

January 27, 1985

Church in conference, a motion by Jim Simmons to help Barry Bryson with his expenses for the trip to Brazil. An ammendment was offered by Jackie West that the church pay any expenses not covered by love offerings. The church voted to pay the pastor's expenses to Greensboro, N.C. for the Evangelistic Conference.

The church was to vote on a selection of a picture to use on the plate commerating the 150th anniversary of the church.

March 24, 1985

The church voted to pay the pastor's expenses to Dallas, Texas for the Southern Baptist Convention.

April 28, 1985

The church in conference, on a motion, the church voted to give $300.00 to Macon Baptist Association toward expenses in World Mission Conference.

May 19, 1985

Dorothy Arnold came by letter from Iotla Baptist Church.

June 2, 1985

A motion by Pauline Henry and seconded by Bob Thompson to allow Doris Simmons to order new tables for the Sunday School rooms.

A motion carried to give our pastor another week of vacation each year.

June 23, 1985

After hearing a report from the Building committee, a motion was made by Homer Morgan and seconded by David McClure to re-carpet the nursery and front steps. Motion carried.

A motion carried to give Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Frady $125.00 toward expenses to vist the Holy Land.

July 21, 1985

Jimmy Jennings came by letter from Yellow Mtn. Baptist Church and Karen Jennings from Pine Grove to unite with this church.

At 2:00 p.m. a baptism service was held and Casey Jennings and Lori McClure were baptized into the full fellowship with the church.

July 28, 1985

After hearing a report from Clinton Ledford concerning an anonymous family who wished to donate and install chimes for the church a motion was approved that we accept the offer.

1985

Rev. Ronnie Palmer held a revival this year.

Sunday, September 29, 1985

A motion by Clinton Ledford was approved to elect our pastor Brother Steve Reeves as a delegate to the Baptist State Convention in Charlotte, N.C.

A motion was approved to purchase tracts to be distributed by the church which would contain a picture of the church, The Plan of Salvation, Worship Schedule and a map showing the location of the church.

October 27, 1985

Sunday afternoon the church gathered at the riverside for a Baptismal Service. Pam Holbrooks was baptized into the full fellowship of the church.

November 24, 1985

Church in conference,a motion was approved to buy a load of wood and deliver it to the Hawthorne home in Bryson City.

The program committee was given approval to buy new Christmas lights and make new robes for the youth choir.

December 22, 1985

The church presented a cantata on Sunday morning under the direction of Mrs. Wanda Holland.

Sunday night a beautiful play was presented under the direction of Melissa Hedden.

Treats were presented to all those attending.

December 29, 1985

In conference. Our treasurer, Marie Jennings reported the Lottie Moon offering was $2,688.85.

The chimes have been installed and are being enjoyed by everyone. The persons who presented them wished to remain anonymous until the chimes are dedicated to the church at a later date. Conference adjourned.

Rev. Steve Reeves, Moderator
Dewitt Thompson, Clerk

February 2, 1986

Church in conference. A motion by Bob Thompson and seconded by Clinton Ledford to appoint Janice McClure and Sharon Welch to serve on program committee with Melissa Hedden. Motion approved.

Motion was made by Mary Ann Thompson and seconded by Wiley Henry, that the church pay for fuel oil for the George Bowman family in the amount of $271.37. Motion approved.

Rev. Steve Reeves, Moderator
Dewitt Thompson, Clerk

February 9, 1986

At the close of the worship service the invitation was given, and the doors of the church were opened. Coming on a profession of Faith in Christ was Cindy Harrell and by letter Rev. Ricky Harrell, wife Francis and son Bill from Buck Creek Baptist Church.

Reflections...

Mrs. Esther Crisp at the age of eighty is one of the oldest, lifetime members at Sugar Fork Church, who still attends church regularly

She has lived a dedicated life for her Lord, since being saved at the age of twelve years, and has held many positions in the church.

She recalls how Uncle Tom Tyler would climb to the church belfry and toll the bell when someone died, as many tolls as the person was old. Also, ringing of the bell by Uncle George Crisp to let people in hearing distance know that someone has died and they were needed to help dig the grave.

The church building had a wooden floor which she helped clean as a girl, and oil was put on the floor occassionally to keep the dust down as old pot-bellied stoves were used for heat. Uncle George kept the fires going until his death in 1946 and then Fred Crisp took over the chore.

For light they used kerosene lamps on the walls, later gas lamps, until electricity became available.

The stage was round with two levels and classes were held in the auditorium with burlap curtains used to divide the sections.

Esther also told about Mrs. Lula C. Teem preparing the unleavened bread for sacrament and using blackberry juice to represent Christ's blood.

Mrs. Dorothy Bowers remembers when the church would hold two week revivals, with morning and evening services. She accepted Christ as her Saviour at the age of eleven, in one of the morning services.

She has served as Beginner teacher for a number of years. Some of her earlier ancestors were members of the church and some of them would come for a long distance to attend the services.

In her own words, "I will forever be thankful for the Christians of now and those deceased at Sugar Fork Church. May we ever dwell in peace and contentment at our church and reach out in love and mercy to others."

Mrs. Amy Deal age 82, has been a member for twelve years and was very active in church work as Adult Ladies Sunday School Teacher and other programs of the church. She says she loves the church and all the people. Due to health problems, she hasn't been able to attend lately, but is looking forward to coming back soon.

Mrs. Alice Thompson at age 91 is the oldest member of the church. She always loved attending church, but for the past year hasn't been able to go except for a few special occasions.

Mrs. Annie Triplett age 73 has been a member for three years. She enjoys the worship and fellowship of the church, attends regularly and is a member of the Senior Adult Ladies Class.

Mrs. Willamae Estes age 71 loves her church and is regular in attendance. She sings in the choir and in years past has been a Beginner Sunday School Class Teacher and a Bible School worker.

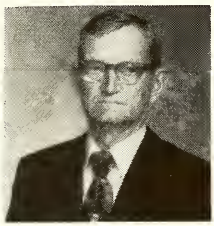
Mrs. Irada Russell attended Sugar Fork as a girl but her family moved away and she was a member at Cartoogechaye in her early years. She joined Sugar Fork twenty years ago and has been faithful in her attendance. Quoting her, "Sugar Fork Church means everything to me, I love and respect its high standards and I strive everyday to live by the ten commandments."

Mrs. Jessie Crisp age 71 has been a member for 39 years and served as a Sunday School Teacher and a Vacation Bible School Teacher. In recent years she has been unable to attend church due to health problems, but she still loves and supports the work of the church through her prayers and offerings.

Mrs. Lacy Gregory age 73 was saved and joined the church at an early age in 1925. After her marriage she moved her letter to Pine Grove and worked in the bible school and as a teacher there. She then came back and joined her home church which she loves and supports.

Frank & Edna Crisp ages 77 and 72, has been church members since 1920 and 1935. They have seen many changes made in the church building and the growth of the church which they say means a lot to them and their families.

Walter Fox - Choir Director from 1962 until 1981. He was always a faithful servant and would sacrifice a day from his job if there was a funeral at the church. He would go out of his way to contact choir members to help with the singing. Like a lot of our senior members of the church, he cannot be there for every service so he gave choir directing up. He still sings in the choir when he is there.



Marie Jennings - Treasurer, SugarFork Baptist Church has been an important part of my life. The people I have known and worshipped with here have had an important part in my Christian growth. My earliest nostalgic memories are of Sunday School classes around the old pot-bellied stove with Mrs. Elders as my dear teacher.

My heart rejoices at the growth of this congregation, as well as the accomplishments I have observed through the years.

Since becoming treasurer in 1950, I've seen the building increase from the original handmade brick sanctuary to its present size, with the additions always becoming a reality without a huge debt because of the unselfish giving of money, time and labor by those who were dedicated.

My memories of teaching Junior Boys and then Intermediates are especially dear to me. Many of the fine, young people are now leaders in the church. "My" boys and girls are now my brothers and sisters in Christ.

It's the people who make the church! My prayer is that Sugar Fork may continually demonstrate our relationships with Christ as we minister to others and as Paul "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (Phil 3, 13-15)

Dewitt Thompson — Church Clerk — I have been a member of Sugarfork Church for 35 years and it's been a big part of my life. I love the people and will never forget those who have been an influence on me, some who have gone on to be with the Lord.

I was elected to Church Clerk in 1967 and also served as Sunday School Superintendent, Training Union Director and Junior Boys Teacher.

My desire and prayers is that our church will continue to grow spiritually and may we be remembered as furthering the work of God's Kingdom as those in the past have been doing for the last 150 years.

Past and Present Buildings

Through the years the congregation has met in three different buildings. The first, a log structure; second, a frame structure that was used until about 1898. The third, a one room brick structure built around 1900 from handmade bricks that was made from clay that was taken from the Walter Arnold farm on Arnold Branch Road. According to information received from Mrs. Esther Crisp these are some of the men who helped make the brick and mortar. Josh Higdon, Algie Higdon, Joe Bryson, Samuel Higdon, John Teem and Tom Tyler. Will Teem, as a lad, carried the water. No doubt there were many others who helped but we do not know their names.

The present sanctuary was completed in 1901. Sunday School rooms were added in 1950. New floors installed in 1963. Bathrooms in 1965. In 1971 more Sunday School rooms were added with a basement underneath containing Sunday School rooms and a fellowship hall. The church has a nursery, ten Sunday School rooms, and a secretarial room.

Sugarfork church is the mother church of several local churches in the vicinity as it is the fifth oldest church in Macon County.

During the early years of the church, Sugarfork became a member of the newly organized Tuckaseegee Baptist Association which was organized about 1830. The church remained active in that association until 1904 when the Macon Baptist Association was organized. The second meeting was held at Sugarfork in 1905 and the church will host the 83rd session of the Macon Baptist Association church missions in 1986.

The church has been very mission minded throughout its history, supporting the first

Baptist Orphanage at Thomasville, N.C., associational missions, cooperative program, and Baptist Hospital. The Young Adult Sunday School class has sponsored a child at Broyhill Childrens Home for a number of years, among other orgainizations today.

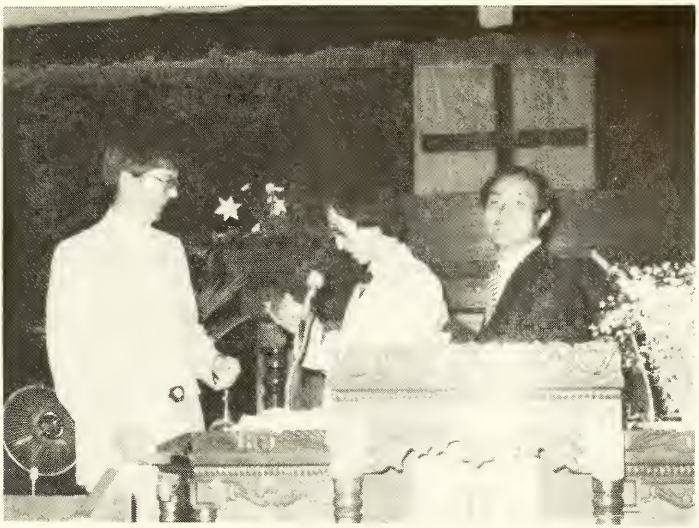
As the 1982 mission project to Korea, sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board, our

In appreciation to Lawrence Wood for this picture.

In appreciation to Joe Higdon for this picture.

pastor Rev. Steve Reeves was there for two weeks.

We also have a ministry through radio. A tape ministry to the shut-ins of our church



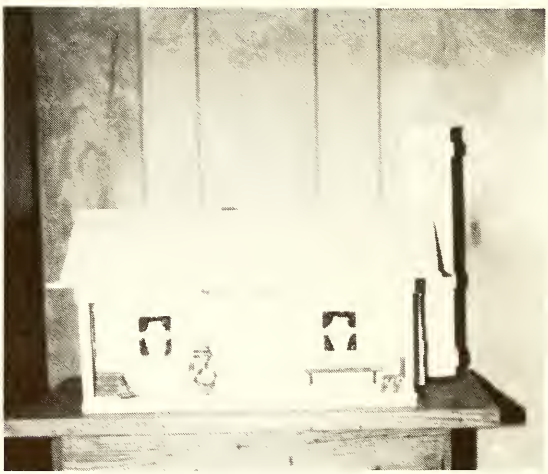
Rev. Steve Reeves Kwon Pastor Pak

Teo Sung Baptist Church, Taegu, Korea

Rev. Reeves and an interpreter

family and the Moody Farm Ministries for abused children. Many members of our church, the children of the church, became founders. To become a founder, one has to contribute one thousand dollars.

Cristy McClure, Michael Wiggins, Greg Bolick, Bonnie Holland, Jenny Reeves, Pam Bolick, Cristy and Jason Coggins, Michael McClure, David Henry, Jamie West and Bobby Clubb.



Each Sunday morning our children contributed to the Moody Ministries and placed their gifts into the little home made by Johnny Teem.

Construction of the Parsonage

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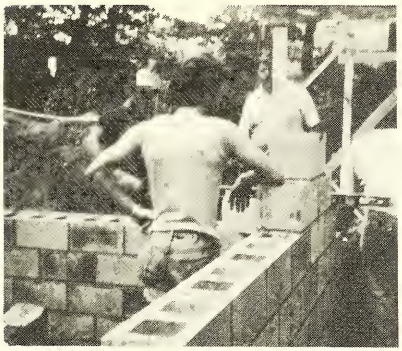

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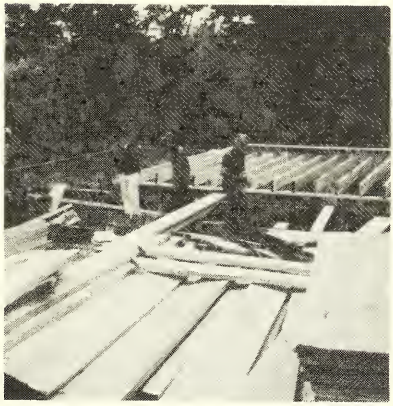


A. Harold Crisp measuring for the footings.

B. Kevin Long, Jimmy Teem and Rev Fisher laying blocks for the basement.

C. Doug Thompson, Frank Crisp and Harold Crisp laying floor joists.

D. Harold Crisp, Bobby Bolick, Rev. Fisher and Wiley Clark working on the subfloor.

E. Jesse Coggins and Frank Crisp.

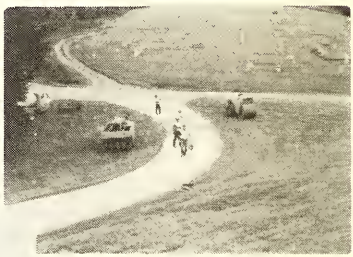
D.

E.

Our Parsonage

During Rev. Grey Fisher's pastorate the construction was started. All the labor was volunteered by church members and others who gave unselfishly of their time. We have a beautiful parsonage which is clear of all debts. Dedication for the parsonage was held on Saturday, October 18, 1980 with comments and prayer by the pastor, Rev. Steve Reeves.

Paving the Drive by Macon Paving 1981



Our Cemetary

George Crisp caretaker of church and cemetary.

Fred Crisp

Mr. Fred Crisp was a deacon of the church for 35 years, being ordained in 1944. He took care of the cemetary from 1946 until 1978. He was janitor from 1946 until his health failed and his wife Mrs. Hester Crisp and daughter Wilma Jean took over the work.

Fred passed away in 1980.

The first burial in the cemetary according to information received from Lawrence Wood was Andrew Bryson 1826 or 1827.

Our Veterans

The first military funeral was Captain Daniel Bryson who died March 26, 1844.

Here are all the other names of the veterans who are buried in Sugarfork cemetary. Some died in the line of duty and others from natural causes. We honor and remember them as heros, who fought for our freedom through all the wars.

Jasper Burrell
Tillery Henderson
Olin Stanfield
Robert W. Stanfield
George Edgar Guest
William W. Stewman
John Tyler
Homer Stewman
Athen Moses Sr.
John Earl Teem
Dock Frady
James E. Pruitt
Challie Dills
Clate Mashburn
George Mashburn
Marvin McDowell
Beulon Stanfield
Willie Stanfield
C. Tom Bryson
Dewey Holland
David Hughes
Raleigh Shook
Ralph Pickens

Harwood Paulin
Shirley Crisp
Lorenzo Holland
Kenneth Crisp
Basil Peek
Frank McDowell Jr.
Lacy Harper
Allen J. Davis
James N. Holland
Hayes Holland
William Gregory
William Tilson
Samuel Corbin
Edward Gregory
General Watkins
Sid Carter
Kenneth Waller
T.L. Stanfield (Rodney)
Doyle Morgan
James Mack
Gordon Gibson
Chalmers Mashburn
Norman Mashburn

Dewey Hampton
Allie Peek
Ronnie Cook
Ernest Holland
Eugene Bowers
Ernest McCoy
George Gregory
Gary Tyler
John. B. Gibson
Leonard Houston
Loyd C. Carpenter
C.L. Potts
Dennis Stamey
Nelson Stamey
Berco Brown
David Fulton
Jesse Fulton
Daniel Bryson
James Holmes Bryson
James K. Bryson
Henry Tallent
James Patterson
Sam L. Frady

Alex Arnold
Sam Murray
Israel Teem
Ted B. Moses
Howard McCoy
Leo Higdon
James Russell
John N. Arnold
Perry Watkins
Dr. W.A. Moses
Anthony Holland
Howard Shook
John Price
Kerma Holland
Joe Bowers
Verco Watkins

Mother's Day

Every year the oldest and the youngest mothers are honored by the church, and are presented with a corsage.

On May 10, 1981, Mrs. Alice Thompson, our oldest mother, and Mrs. Rhonda M. Simmons, our youngest mother were recognized.

Baptisms...

Baptisms being held in the Cullasaja River. Locations used are: Joab Crisp turnhole, Charlie Bowers riverside, Ernest Dendy's on river road, just below Tom Bryson's homeplace, at the Western N.C. Campground and Cullasaja River near Peek's Creek Bridge.

Rev. Steve Reeves and Edward Gregory

Rev. Grey Fisher, Jerry West, Earl Holland, and Jack West

Baptisms...

Earl Holland, Rev. J.S. Cunningham, Michael Teem

Rev. James Crayton, Billy Hurst, John Hurst, Eddie Ledford, Ricky Hurst

Mrs. Gladys Jennings, Paul Jennings, Gloria Jennings, Darcie Jennings, Mark Jennings, Scott Jennings, Rev. Jim Crayton

James L. Teem with Jimmy & Johnny

Rev. Jim Crayton & Vickie Crisp

Rev. Jim Crayton & Robert Estes

Rev. J.S. Cunningham, Rev. Earl Dendy, Charlie Bowers, Carl Brown

Rev. Jim Crayton & Pat Thompson

Carl Brown, Rev. Earl Dendy, Rev. J.S. Cunningham

Homecomings

Held annually, the last Sunday in May. Always plenty of food and fellowship. According to Mrs. Esther Crisp, decoration was held on the 30th of May regardless of the day of the week it fell on. Everyone made plans to attend, letting their work wait.

Enjoying the bountiful food and fellowship - Mrs. Lydia Reed, Candler, N.C., Gaither Teem, Mississippi, Mary Ann Thompson, Janice McClure, Mr. and Mrs. Lawton Monteith, Frank Henry, Doug Thompson and Hester Crisp

Keith Holland, James L. Teem, Gene Estes, Harley Hedden, Edward Gregory, Ernest Dendy and Chris Estes

Clinton Ledford, Alex Deal, Clyde and Fred Crisp

Vacation Bible Schools

Bible School June 1950

Pastor Rev. C. Doyle Burgess. Principal Mrs. E. Sparkman. Teacher Mrs. Pearl Corbin. Bruce Estes, ?, Richard Cook, Benny Jo Crisp, Barbara Jean Arnold, Wiley Bowers, James Cook, Elmer Cook and others.

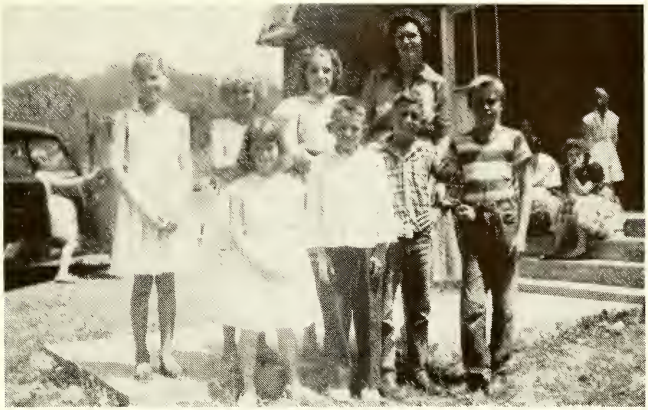
Geraldine McDowell, Nancy Berry, Jessie Marie Mashburn, Judith Ann Crisp, Carolyn Holland, Waynette Higdon, Alice Morgan, Linda Moore, Janice Thompson, Doyle Cook, Carol Arnold, Herbert Crisp, Harold Crisp, Jerry Bowers, Turner Bryson, Wilma Jean Crisp and Clark Suttle.

Marie Crisp, Betty Sue McDowell, Carolyn Holland, June McDowell, ?, Doug McDowell and Carol Thompson. Teachers are Mrs. Pearl Corbin, Mildred McDowell, Elizabeth Higdon and Patsy Landrum.

Virginia Moses, Carlos Crisp, Margaret Bailey, Kathy McDowell, Louise Moses, Johnny McDowell, Rev. Underwood, Annette Thompson, Renee Erwin and LeAnn Erwin.

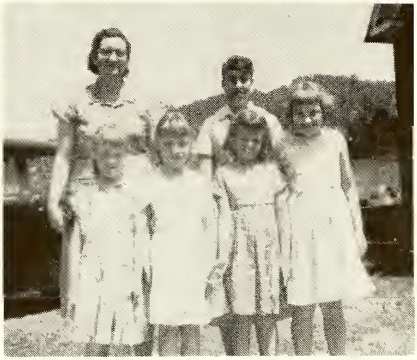
V.B.S. began about 1938 with 30 or 40 attending. Each year the number has grown.

Vacation Bible Schools



Teacher, Mrs. Beulah Cunningham, Brenda Bridgeman, Margaret Bailey, Helen Cunningham, Annette Thompson, Richie Beale, Carlos Crisp, Johnny McDowell.

Jimmy Crayton, Beverly Crisp, Missy Hedden, Carol Crayton, Vicki Crisp, Angie Hedden, Joey Morgan, Sherri Holland, Shaye White, Sherril White, Becky White and Bruce Ledford.



Alma Teem, Teacher Carolyn Teem, Kathy McDowell, Wanda McDowell, Renee Erwin and Francis Cunningham.

Gary Taylor, Carlos Crisp, Mark Jennings, Scott Jennings and Jim Pennington with Teacher Marie Jennings.

Vacation Bible Schools

Jerry West, Barry Bryson, Vicki Crisp, Kilby Henry, Bill Pruitt, Kim Pruitt, Lori McClure and Tammy Bowers.

Josh Ward, Jason Coggins, John Howard, Vanessa George, Holli Thompson, David Henry, Susan McCall, Jennifer Dendy, Jeremy Teem, Rhonda and Travis Dills, and Teacher Cecilia Teem.

Louise Pennington, Willa Mae Early, Judith Ann Crisp, Carolyn Teem, Frances, Phyllis and Carolyn Holland, Harold Crisp, Margaret Early, Wilma Jean Crisp, Jane Early and Wanda Frady. Teachers were Mrs. Jessie W. Crisp and Mrs. Irene H. Bryson.

Vacation Bible School Comments from: Wanda Holland

I thank God for allowing me to be part of V.B.S. over the past several years. I give Him all the glory for the accomplishments we had during this time. I feel God has something great in store for our church through our young people. We have a great responsibility to share Christ with them and what better place than through Vacation Bible School.

My prayer for my life is whatever capacity He allows me to work in, that I begin it with a renewed committment to Christ, to His church and to the needs of his people.

Baby Dedications

Donald and Debbie George with Vanessa, Edward and Marilyn Holland with Crystal, Frank and Sherry Pangle with Luke, Rhonda Simmons with Ryan, Jimmy and Sandra Teem with Jeremy and Janina, Rev. Steve Reeves

Activities

A. Apple Tree Campground

B. Valentine Party 1980

C. Teressa Simmons, Missy Hedden, Kevin Holland, Barry Bryson, Darryl Womack, Steven Reeves, Richard Holland

D. Church Softball Team 1985

E. Christy Coggins, Pam Bolick & Jenny Reeves — Apple Tree Campout 1981

Activities

Sunday School Picnic at Cliffside, Intermediates June 1982 —Pat Cagle, Angela Hedden, Kim Thompson, Bruce Ledford, Richard Holland and Jeff Bryson

Jeremy Teem, David Henry — Dec. 1982 Christmas play "Two Wise Men."

Church softball team and fans, 1985

Intermediate Sunday School Class Hike to Snowbird 1973 or 74 — Jimmy Teem, Carla Bolick, Scott Jennings, Billy Hurst, Teacher Marie Jennings and Johnny Teem.

Class Picnic — Pat Cagle, Teacher Marie Jennings, Angela Hedden, Kim Thompson, Richard Holland, Jeff Bryson and Jeffrey Bryson.

Activities

A. 1983 Mothers Day WMU Party — Sandy Jones, Gladys Jennings, Debbie Reeves, Pauline Henry, Wilma Jean Crisp & Hester Crisp

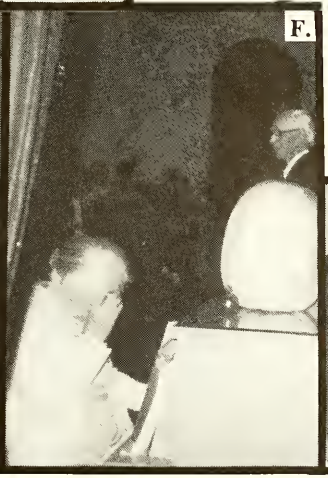
B. Church Camping, Apple Tree Fall 1981 — This serpent did not beguile us — Hughie, Brian and Kevin Holland with James L. Teem

C. Alice Morgan, Otela Botick & Bobby Bolick

D. Field of the Woods

E. Youth Pool Party at Bruce and Sue Bryson's 1984

Thanksgiving 1985



A. Pat and Doug Thompson, Mrs. Margie Gibson

B. Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Cook, Carolyn West and Claude Hurst

C. Lori McClure, Carmella Pruitt, Pearl Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Moses and Kathy Owens.

D. Obhdee Dendy. Margaret Holland, Nancy Vanhook, Mattie Joe Hurst and Willa Mae Estes

E. Melissa Hedden, Wanda Holland, Betty Teem, Sue Bryson and Doris Simmons

F. Mr. Fred and Mrs. Addie Corbin

G. Johnny and Frieda Teem, Carolyn, Freddie and Bonnie Holland and Bobby Clubb

Christmas Plays

A. Christmas 1984 — Crystal Hurst, Josh Ward, Jennifer Dendy, Jason Coggins, Susan McCall, Janina Teem and Crystal Holland

B. 1983 — Sandra and Jimmy Teem and Jana Hurst

C. Christmas 1985 — Bill Harrell, Angie Hedden, Shannon Dendy, Jerry West, Vicke Crisp, Michael McClure, Joe Welch, Melissa Hedden, Steven Reeves

D. 1984 — Susan McCall, Janina Teem, Jason Pangle, Jeremy Teem, Tommy Vanhook, Holli Thompson, Ryan Simmons and Crystal Holland

E. Christmas 1985 — Hughie Holland and Bonnie Holland

Current Church Enrollment
1985-1986

Resident Members	253
Non resident Members	60
Total Members	313

Sunday School

Enrollment	182
Average-Weekly Attendance	120

Church Training

Enrollment	54

Women's Missionary Society

Enrollment	15

Vacation Bible School

Enrollment	124

Sugar Fork Baptist Church Budget
July 1985 - June 1986
Based On Estimated Receipts Of: $49,086.00

STAFF:

Pastor Salary $275.00 per week	14,300.00
Mileage and Travel Expenses	5,200.00
Health Insurance $147.00 per month	1,764.00
Annuity For Pastor	400.00
Custodian $4.00 per hour (allotted to cover)	1,680.00
Sub-Total	23,344.00

MISSIONS:

Cooperative Program (undesignated)	500.00
Home Missions	500.00
State Hospital	500.00
Home For The Aged	500.00
Children's Home	900.00
Foreign Missions	900.00
Associational Missions	800.00
Radio Ministry	600.00
Chaco Mani (India)	500.00
Chaplaincy Fund	500.00
Sub Total	6,200.00

DEPARTMENTS:

Literature (All church departments)	3,000.00
Utilities (Church and parsonage)	3,000.00
Insurance (Church and parsonage)	525.00
Miscellaneous and Reserve:	
Visiting Evangelist during revival	100.00
Pastor during revival	100.00
Christmas Gift (Pastor's Family)	100.00
When the church doesn't have an elected pastor the speaker per service	25.00
Convention Expenses	800.00
Unknown Expenses and Supplies	5,817.00
Sub Total	12,342.00

BUILDING FUND

Average 4th Sunday Offering $600.00	7,200.00

TOTAL $49,086.00

Respectfully submitted by: Stewardship Committee of Sugar Fork Baptist Church.

Current Officers & Teachers

Treasurer
Marie Jennings

Assistant Treasurer
Pauline Thompson

Ushers
Jimmy, Johnny, Ricky Teem and Wiley Henry

Choir Director
Bob Thompson

Assistant Director
Wanda Holland

Youth Choir
Wanda Holland

Junior Choir
Mary Ann Thompson

Pianist
Betty Teem

Assistants
Marsha Coggins and Vickie Crisp

Organist
Sue Bryson

Youth Directors
Wanda Holland and Sue Bryson

Executive Board Member
Harold Crisp

Messengers
Don & Sandy Jones, Bob & Mary Ann Thompson

W.M.U. Director
Pauline Henry

W.M.U. Leader
Otella Bolick

G.A.s
Mary Ann Thompson

Mission Friends
Marsha Coggins

Vacation Bible School Director
Marsha Coggins

Program Director
Melissa Hedden

Flower Committee
Betty Teem & Doris Simmons

Stewardship
Pauline Henry, Marie Jennings, Freddie Holland, David McClure and Rev. Steve Reeves

Nominating Committee
Sandra Teem, Sandy Jones, Bobby Bolick, Melissa Hedden and Rev. Steve Reeves

Building Committee
Harold Crisp, Earl Holland, Clyde Wiggins, Ernest Dendy and Homer Morgan

Historical Committee
Dewitt & Pauline Thompson, Betty Teem, Harold & Louise Crisp and Louise Ledford

Sunday School Superintendent
Don Jones

Assistant
Don Capaforte

Secretary
Carmella Pruitt

Senior Adult Ladies
Mattie Jo Hurst

Assistant
Pauline Thompson

Senior Adult Men
Homer Morgan

Assistant
Earl Holland

Adults
Mary Ann Thompson

Assistant
Otela Bolick

Yound Adults
Ricky Hurst

Assistant
Becky Hurst

Young People
Jim Simmons

Assistant
Doug Thompson

Intermediates
Marie Jennings

Assistant
Louise Ledford

Junior Girls
Pauline Henry

Assistant
Sharon Welch

Junior Boys
Doris Simmons

Assistant
Sue Wiggins

Primary
Wanda Holland

Assistant
Carol Hedden

Beginners
Debbie Reeves

Assistant
Marsha Coggins

Toddlers
Sandra Teem

Assistant
Becky Mason

Nursery
Melissa Hedden

Assistant
Nancy Vanhook

Training Union Director
Bob Thompson

Assistant
David McClure

Secretary
Mary Ann Thompson

Assistant
Janice McClure

Adult
Sandy Jones

Assistant
Clinton Ledford

Young People
Don Capaforte

Assistant
Sharon Welch

Intermediates
Ernest Dendy

Nursery
Becky Mason

Chronological Membership Roll

Name	Membership Received
William H. Teem	1901
Lula Crisp Teem	1907
Lizzie Crisp Tyler	1911
Edd Crisp	1911
Cora Crisp McDowell	1911
Roxie Crisp Teem	1911
Irene Higdon Bryson Slagle	1911
Jesse Tyler	1911
Jeter Higdon	1911
Fred Crisp	1918
Nina Crisp Guest	1918
Esther Teem Crisp	1918
Frank Crisp	1920
Sallie Higdon	1920
Charlie Higdon	1920
Charlie Mashburn	1920
Burt Mashburn	1920
Furman Stewman	1924
Bertie Clark Suttles	1924
Coley Guest	1924
Mabel Dills Henderson	1925
Leona Higdon Holland	1925
Annie Teem	1925
May Gibson	1926
Frank Dowdle	1927
Woodrow Dowdle	1927
Paul Higdon	1927
T.B. Higdon	1927
Pauline Higdon Harbin	1927
Herman Teem	1927
George Frady	1927
Rena Frady	1928
Clyde Crisp	1928
Leo Corbin	1929
Annie Mae Higdon Godwin	1930
Inez Tyler Pennington	1931
Geneva Stuman Carden	1931
Nina Moses Smith	1933
Pearl Corbin Long	1933
Pauline Frady Rogers	1933
Octavis McDowell	1933
Fred Early	1935
Howard Shook	1935
Alma Moses Teem	1935
Agnes Stuman Mashburn	1935
Edna Crisp	1935
J.D. Crisp	1937
Lemuel Crisp	1937
Pauline Teem Thompson	1937
Jessie Lee Tyler Roberts	1937
Ruth Tyler McDowell	1937
Johnsie Teem Bridgeman	1937
Marvin McDowell	1937
Christine Crisp Classen	1937
Mildred Early McDowell	1937
Jessie Ruth Williams	1939
Virgil Crisp	1939
Harley Moore Stewart	1939
Callie Higdon	1939
Jack Moore	1939
Jane Moore	1939
Harley Stewart	1939
Pearl Stewart	1939
Bert Long	1940
Johnnie Corbin	1940
Howard Teem	1940
Hoyt Gregory	1940
Frank McDowell Jr.	1940
Joan Stuman	1941
Eva Keener	1941
Lois Keener	1941
Jack Arnold	1941
Jerry Neal Potts	1941
Martha Moses	1942
George Teem	1942
Pearl Teem	1942
Betty Sue Holland	1942
David Lee McDowell	1942
Jack Early	1942
Boyd Teem	1942
Mrs. Burt Mashburn	1943
Iva Jean Frady	1946
Ann Stuman Teem Price	1946
Marie Jennings	1946
Hoyt Holland	1946
Joan Ballard	1946
Floyd Crisp	1946
Nora Moses	1947
Phyllis Moses Fisher	1947
Paul Peek	1947
Gladys Sanders	1947
Elmer Sanders	1947
Emma Lu Moses	1947
Larry Potts	1947
Andrew Moses	1947
Mildred Bryson Moore	1950
Mrs. Clyde Crisp	1950
Lonnie Suttles	1950
Dewitt Thompson	1951
John Pennington	1951
Charles Bridgeman	1951
Athen Moses Jr.	1952
James L. Teem	1952
Bennie Joe Crisp	1952
Judith Ann Crisp Houston	1952
Willamae Early Gregory	1952
Wilma Jean Crisp	1952
Louise Pennington Burrell	1954
Harold Crisp	1954
Janice Thompson Henry	1954
Walter Fox	1954
Mrs. Walter Fox	1954
Margaret Early	1954
Harley Tyler	1955
Tommy Guest	1955
Clark Suttles	1955
Jeraldine McDowell Stewart	1955
John McCoy	1955
Inez Guest Hurst	1956
Catherine Holden Teem	1956
Don Passmore	1956
Grady Passmore	1956
Dorothy Passmore	1956
Carolyn Teem Cagle	1956
Herbert Crisp	1956
Carol Thompson Hedden	1957
Brenda Bridgeman Hall	1960
Annette Thompson	1960
Louise Moses	1960
June McDowell	1960
Margaret Bailey Gibson	1960
Annie Mae Bailey	1960
Dorothy Pennington	1960
Bernice Teem	1961
Willis Teem	1961
Bobby Joe Houston	1961
Betty Teem	1961
Eddie Fox	1961
Lyle Estes	1962
Shirley Estes	1962
Nina Stiles	1962
Fred Stiles	1962
Dorothy Bowers	1962
Don Cook	1962
Teddy Cook	1962
Bobby Cook	1962
Wayne Higdon	1962
Waynette Higdon	1962
Doris Simmons	1962
Denver Holland	1962
Delton Holland	1962
Billy Henry	1962
Carlos Crisp	1962
Jimmy Pennington	1962
John C. Brown	1962
Mark McDowell	1962
Charlie Bowers	1962
Ruth Brown	1962
John Early	1962
J.S. Cunningham	1962
Mrs. J.S. Cunningham	1962
Helen Cunningham Stahl	1962
Frances Cunningham Bradford	1962
Claude Hurst	1963
Virgie Crisp	1963
Mattie Jo Hurst	1963
Sally Estes	1963
Josephine Crisp	1963
Earl Holland	1964
Mrs. Earl Holland	1964
Louise Dills	1964
Willamae Estes	1964
Charlie Moore	1964
Louise Crisp	1964
Jessie Crisp	1964
Mrs. Jessie Crisp	1964
Linda Fox	1964
Marvin Bolick	1964
Bobby Bolick	1964
Alice Thompson	1965
Carl Guest	1965
Mrs. Carl Guest	1965
Kathy McDowell	1965
Wanda McDowell Waldroop	1965
Mrs. Conley Owens	1965
Gary Owens	1965
Tommy Bridgeman	1965
Nelda Moses	1965
Sharon Dills	1965
Cindy Cook	1965
James Morgan	1966
John Cook	1966
Susie Cook	1966
Michael Dills	1966
Juanita Teem Beasley	1966
Debbie Teem George	1966
Becky Holland Hurst	1966
Betty Cook	1966
Mrs. Gordon Gibson	1966
Fannie Arnold	1966
Joe White	1967
Helen White	1967
Linda Holden	1967
Bruce Fox	1967
Michael Teem	1967
Jimmy Teem	1967
Johnny Teem	1967
Nancy Holland Vanhook	1967
Violet Cook	1967
David Pruitt	1967
Margie Pruitt	1967
Freddie Holland	1967
Carolyn Holland	1967
Rev. Jim Crayton	1968
Gloria Crayton	1968
Mrs. Beulah Holden	1969
Pauline Henry	1969
Carolyn Henry	1969
Sonya Henry	1969
Lillie Mae Raby	1969
Edward Cagle	1969
Carolyn Teem Cagle	1969
Minnie Crisp	1969
Jimmy Houston	1969
Fay Fox Huscusson	1969
Ruth Fox	1969
Sherry Houston Pangle	1969
Karen Moore Ramsey	1969
Janet Henry	1969
Sylvia Teem	1969
Conley Wiggins	1969
Clinton Ledford	1969
Louise Ledford	1969
Eddie Ledford	1970
Billy Hurst	1970
Ricky Hurst	1970
Johnny Hurst	1970
Mark Jennings	1970
Scott Jennings	1970
Alex Deal	1970
Amy Deal	1970
Terry Moses	1971
Ellen Hurst	1971
David W. Henry	1972
Lacey Gregory	1972
Martha Dills Fox	1972
Joe Holbrook	1972
Edna Holbrook	1972
Mike Holbrook	1972
Jimmy Holbrook	1972
Lindsay L. Tennant	1972
Pearl Tennant	1972

Chronological Membership Roll

Name	Membership Received
Harvey Sims	1972
Mary Sims	1972
Phillip Frady	1973
Homer Holland	1973
Larry Estes	1973
Gray Frady	1973
Vivian White	1973
Carol Ann Bowers	1973
Sherry Holland	1973
Cheryl White	1973
Ronnie Holland	1973
Jimmy Crayton	1973
Marty Bolick	1973
Doyle Fox	1973
Christopher Estes	1973
Kathy Bolick	1973
Carla Bolick	1973
Virginia Moses Teem	1973
Anita Teem	1973
Paul Jennings	1973
Ernest Dendy	1973
Obhdee Dendy	1973
Reva Dendy	1973
Joyce Bowers	1973
Wiley Bowers	1974
Roger Holland	1974
Keith Holland	1974
Wanda Holland	1974
Wilma Roach McCall	1974
Andrew Gregory	1974
Carolyn Bowers West	1974
Homer Morgan	1974
Alice Morgan	1974
Jackie West	1974
Melissa Hedden	1974
Beverly Crisp Womack	1974
Jeffery Gregory	1974
Richard Holland	1974
Peggy Holland	1974
Marilyn Dendy McConnell	1974
Otela Holland Bolick	1974
Willamae Early Gregory	1974
Carolyn Mashburn Waller Stahl	1975
Brenda Armes Crisp	1975
Clyde Wiggins	1975
Sue Wiggins	1975
Marsha Holland Mason	1975
Bruce Ledford	1975
Richie Gibson	1975
Brian Holland	1975
Kevin Holland	1975
Eugene Mason	1975
Herbert Gootee	1975
Frankie Gootee	1975
Joseph Gootee	1975
Christopher Gootee	1975
Cecil Holland	1975
Jean Morgan	1975
Boyd Holland	1976
Revena Holland	1976
Rev. J.S. Cunningham	1976
Neville Owens	1976
Mary Owens	1976
Sherry Owens	1976
Neville Eugene Owens II	1976
Bruce Dore	1976
Christine Dore	1976
Frank Alexander	1976
Woodrow Holland	1976
Keith Huscusson	1976
Joey Morgan	1976
Ricky Potts	1976
Pamela Estes	1976
Linda Cook	1976
Becky Bryson	1976
Eldon Potts	1976
Hattie Mae Potts	1976
Frankie Hyatt Bowers	1976
Francis Mashburn Dills	1976
Kenneth Cook	1976
Vicky Holland Sanders	1976
Douglas Thompson	1977
Robert Estes	1977
Jamie Estes	1977
Carol Crayton	1977
Vickie Crisp	1977
Valorie Bowers	1977
Kimberly Thompson	1977
Pat Thompson	1977
Ellen Hurst Bryson	1977
Angela Hedden	1977
Tom Bailey	1977
Rev Grey Fisher	1978
Patricia Fisher	1978
Janet McCall	1978
Toya Trammel Moses	1978
Jesse Coggins	1978
Becky Holland Hurst	1978
Danny Teem	1978
Tony Bryson	1978
Marsha Hall Coggins	1978
Arthur McCall	1978
Leona McCall	1978
Ellen McCall	1978
Mayme Estes Early	1978
Janet McCall	1978
Heather Thompson	1978
Dickie McCall	1978
Teresa Moses	1978
Jeffery Bryson	1978
Bill Stahl	1978
Jerry West	1978
Linda Bowers	1978
Becky Thompson Mason	1978
Mary Ann Thompson	1978
Sandra Mashburn Teem	1979
J.R.(Bob) Thompson	1979
Darrell Womack	1979
Ted Meirer	1979
Morris Bryson	1979
Stacy Dendy	1979
Ethel Ramsey Holland	1979
Rev. Steve Reeves	1980
Debbie Reeves	1980
Steven Reeves	1980
Donald George	1980
Louise Jones Womack	1980
Kim Pruitt	1980
Maquita Bryson	1980
Keith Cook	1980
Paul Gregory	1980
Danny Clubb	1980
Edward Gregory	1980
Carmella Pruitt	1980
Jim Simmons	1981
Doris Simmons	1981
Eddie Holland	1981
Mrs. Eddie Holland	1981
Annie Tipplett	1981
Teressa Simmons	1981
Tommy Pruitt	1981
Jack Womack	1981
Connie Talley	1981
Jane Guest	1981
Mandy Bryson	1981
Avery Dean Fox	1981
Gae Andrews	1981
Tom Andrews	1981
Frank Norton Pangle	1981
Jim Mack	1981
Bill Marr	1981
Bruce Dore	1981
Christine Dore	1981
Gail Guest	1981
Tammy Bowers Holland	1981
Rhonda Simmons	1981
Huey Holland	1981
Billy Bryson	1981
Louis Capaforte	1981
Patricia Capaforte	1981
Donald Capaforte	1981
Tony Capaforte	1981
Julie Capaforte	1981
Randall Lee Simmons	1981
Bruce Bryson	1981
Sue Bryson	1981
Barry Bryson	1981
Marna Bryson	1981
Virginia Gladwell Bryson	1982
Jenny Reeves	1982
Heidi Andrews	1982
Bonnie Holland	1982
Christy Coggins	1982
Marcia Bryson	1982
Sharon Welch	1982
Joe Glenn Welch	1982
David Welch	1982
Ricky Teem	1982
Freda Ledford Teem	1982
Cecelia Hopkins Teem	1982
Don Jones	1982
Sandy Jones	1982
Alana Cook	1982
Elaine Story	1982
Ron Story	1982
Harriet Dial	1982
Fern Buchanan	1982
Ruth English	1982
Kevin McCall	1983
Jason Holland	1983
Lance Dockery	1983
Murle Myers	1983
Goodlow Bowman	1983
Rebecca Bowman	1983
Dawn Watts Teem	1983
David McClure	1983
Janice McClure	1983
Darcie Jennings	1984
Gail Bryson Crisp	1984
Michael McClure	1984
Jeana Capaforte	1984
Julie Fox	1984
Carrie Ann Jennings	1984
Jennifer Seay	1984
Linda Cook	1984
Dean Cook	1984
Eric Jackson	1984
Angela Pennington	1984
Annetta Pendergrass	1984
Edith Cook	1984
Brenda Pendergrass	1984
Billy Pruitt	1984
Douglas Simmons	1984
David Pendergrass	1984
Dorothy Arnold	1985
Lori Andrea McClure	1985
Darren Casey Jennings	1985
Jimmy Jennings	1985
Karen Jennings	1985
Pat Holbrook	1985
Francis Harrell	1986
Rev. Ricky Harrell	1986
Bill Harrell	1986

Cindy Harrell and Janet Vanhook are awaiting Baptism

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This membership roll just shows the year of our joining the church, even though some aren't members now. Due to limited space, names aren't listed prior to 1901.

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Thoughts from the Historical Committee

We have enjoyed working on the history of our church. It has been a lot of hard work but hope everyone who reads it will enjoy it and that these facts will be precious to keep for future generations. We love God, our church and its people. May God richly bless our unprofessional efforts in compiling these facts for you.
We also ask God, to bless Scotty Jacobs and Tommy Browning for their interest, and for helping us so much. May God bless all who read this book and generations to come, see the love and struggles of everyone who has worked in keeping God in our lives.

Pauline Teem Thompson

Has been attending Sugar Fork Baptist Church ever since her mother and daddy took her as a child. Was baptized in 1937 at the Joab Crisp turn-hole by Rev. A.S. Solesbee. Has been the principal of Vacation Bible School, Beginners and Junior Girls Teacher, assistant Adult Ladies Teacher and sung in the choir all her life. Has been a member for 48 years.

Betty Duvall Teem

Was baptized as a young girl in Cowee Creek at West Mills and joined Cowee Baptist Church. Moved by letter to Sugarfork in 1961 and has been a teacher of Primary and Junior classes, V.B.S. worker, helped with Christmas programs and church pianist for several years. Enjoys making flower arrangements and decorating the church. Has been a member for 24 years.

Dewitt Thompson

Has been a church member for 35 years. Was baptized May 20, 1951 at Bowers riverside by Rev. Doyle Burgess. Has been faithful in his positions in Adult Mens assistant teacher, Junior Boys teacher, Sunday School Superintendent, and in the choir. Has held clerk's position for many years. He and his wife Pauline place flags on the graves of our veterans each year. Dewitt also maintains the equipment used for cemetary care.

Harold Crisp

Has been a strong and dedicated member for many years. He has taught Sunday School classes, served as Sunday School Superintendent, Chairman of the Deacons Board, Chairman of Trustees of cemetary, Building Committee and Executive Member of the church to Macon Baptist Association. Harold volunteers a lot of time to the church for cemetary work and church maintenance. He was baptized by Rev. Jarvis Underwood at the Bower's riverside.

Louise McCall Crisp

Wife of Harold Crisp, she has been a Sunday School teacher, active in Vacation Bible School and other activities of the church. Louise does a good job of preparing our sacraments which the church observes quarterly. She was baptized by Rev. J.S. Cunningham at the Bower's riverside.

Louise Monteith Ledford

Has been Intermediate Girls assistant teacher, active in Vacation Bible School, Women's Missionary Society and held responsible positions since joining our church by letter from Ridgecrest Baptist Church on October 26, 1969. She was baptised in Glenville Lake behind the Hamburg Baptist Church by the Rev. C.C. Welch, when she was 11 years old.

Historical Committee

Left to right: Dewitt Thompson, Pauline Thompson, Betty Teem, Louise Ledford, Louise Crisp and Harold Crisp.

Anticipating a great future!

May we be dedicated
to the leadership of
God and faithful
to the end in
His Service.

"To God Be The Glory"

January 1986